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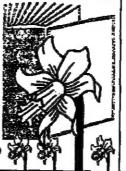
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### **EC** faces legal challenge on beef boycott

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

MINISTERS last night at-tacked Britain's "unhelpful" European partners for refusing to lift the worldwide ban on beef products as the Gov-ernment confirmed plans for a selective slaughter of 4.6 million older cattle.

Douglas Hogg, the Agricul-ture Minister, unveiled plans to provide financial help to beleaguered farmers and slaughterhouse owners, and threatened to take legal action over the "unjustified" Euro-pean Union ban on British

The ban is certain to stay in place for at least another month despite Britain's pro-posal to destroy cattle when they reach the end of their working lives. However, Mr Hogg told the Commons: "It is very, very important that we secure a lifting of the ban and I have to say that the justifications that I have heard for the imposition and the maintenance of the ban do not seem to me to have arguments which are founded on logic or

As to the legality, we are looking earnestly and urgent-ly at the legality of what has

Under the new measures, no caute over the age of 30 months can be used for human or animal feed or in the manufacture of cosmetic or This means that about 15,000 old and no longer productive cows and breeding bulls a week will have to be destroyed after slaughter.

Farmers will receive compensation of about £480 a head which will cost £390 million a year, of which the EU will pay 70 per cent. Britain will have to pay the cost of disposing of the carcasses which could be £100

million a year By April 30 Britain must present the EU with a plan for the compulsory slaughter and destruction of "animals and/or herds identified as being most likely to have been Continued on page 2, col 7

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Shipping magnate George Fraghistas (right) with Commander Roy Ramm. "This has been a terrifying ordeal," Mr Fraghistas said. "I wondered if I would ever be freed."

# Yard foils £5m kidnapping

By MICHAEL HORSNELL, DOMINIC KENNEDY RICHARD DUCE AND BILL FROST

A GREEK shipping magnate told yesterday how he feared for his life as he was kept blindfold and drugged in a cupboard for nine days by a gang of armed kidnappers demanding a £5 million

George Fraghistas, who had been abducted close to his London home on March 24, was found after a huge police surveillance operation that led was described as "very disturbed, very worried, very upset and very frightened". Mr Fraghistas, 43, said:

This has been a terrifying ordeal for me and my family. feared for my safety and wondered if I would ever be freed. I am grateful to the police for my release.

"I didn't have any sleep and I don't feel very well. It's very difficult. I am not in any position to really be able to describe things that happened to me. I am still in shock." Mr Fraghistas, a bachelor

who lives alone, was kidnapped after parking his car near his home in Maida Vale at 6.20 pm. He was bundled into a car boot at gunpoint, gagged with tape and handcuffed. One of the kidnappers climbed into the boot with him before the car drove off to 5

tion of American industrialists

crashed in stormy weather off the Croatian port of Dubrov-

nik yesterday. Croatian officials said last

night that they had found the plane's tail as well as four

bodies - three men and a

woman. There were 27 people

aboard, including crew. A

search by helicopters and

divers was continuing. A Roy-

al Navy Sea King helicopter.

based at Split, was involved in

the search and rescue opera-

The US Air Force T43 plane, the military version of the

Boeing 737, disappeared from

radar screens in the morning

and was later reported to be

three hours overdue before

officials at the White House

finally confirmed that the

wreckage spotted off the Adri-

atic coastline belonged to the

The area has suffered vi-

cious southerly winds for the

past three days with few

tion last night.

American flight.

Hogan Mews, Paddington, the three-storey rented house that was to become his prison. Once inside, he was locked

in a 6 ft by 3 ft walk-in cupboard with a chair in it. His spectacles were taken from him, and he was masked and forced to wear earmuffs throughout his ordeal. He was handcuffed for the first few days and although the gag was also removed, he him quiet. From time to time he was

forced to make tape recordings that were used to reinforce some fifty telephoned ransom demands to his family, who notified the police soon after Mr Fraghistas disappeared.

The first call was made to his relatives in London and Greece within 36 hours of his abduction and the kidnapoers are believed to have demanded up to £5 million, although no money was handed over.

Scotland Yard's organised crime group and intelligence directorate launched a massive round-the-clock surveillance operation involving more than fifty officers many of them armed - at any one time and the arrests came late on Tuesday night as police were intercepting one of the



The house in which Mr Fraghistas was held for nine days

kidnappers' calls to the family. Commander Roy Ramm, who led the operation, said: "We decided to arrest two suspects who were actually using the telephone while we were receiving a call at the family home. We managed to grab the phone and prove that that was a contact between the two men and the family." Those two men were held in

a street in Golders Green, another was held outside Hogan Mews and the fourth was inside the building. Com-mander Ramm said: "Poor Mr Fraghistas was found inside. Still locked in the cupboard.

"He was in a state of shock and still is, and suffering extreme distress. He suffered

bruising and grazes to his wrists from being bound with handcuffs. He was freed by police and seen by a police forensic medical examiner. He did not require hospital treatment. The kidnappers had threatened to kill the victim. However, he does not appear

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Commander Ramm said that two of the arrested men were French and two Greek none of them known to Mr Fraghistas. Last night two of them were being questioned in Belgravia and the others were at Paddington police station.

to have received any other

physical harm."

Commander Ramm added: "This was quite clearly a carefully orchestrated and planned incident, involving a

which was carried out by a team who had clearly been planning it for some time.

everyone who knows him."

Mr Banks said that he had

not slept for ten days worrying

about his employer. "As they

days went by I got more worried. But I never gave up

hope." The police had called

him yesterday to say that Mr Fraghistas had been released and when they were reunited

his boss had hugged him and

kissed him on both cheeks,

saying "Thank God you are

lost weight but otherwise he

seemed fine. He's with his

mother and family now and I

think they will probably re-

The £300,000 house where

Mr Fraghistas had been held

captive had been rented last

September by two men who

said they were brothers who

wanted to be close to an aunt

who was seriously ill in hospi-

tal with cancer. The agent acting for the Nigerian prop-erty owner described them as

gentle and unassuming.

turn to Greece soon."

Mr Banks said: "He had

This was a difficult and potentially dangerous inquiry which has involved teams of officers working around the clock to bring about a successful end to this kidnap situation. I am very pleased that we were able to secure Mr Fraghistas's safe release, thanks to the professionalism, dedication and bravery of my officers."

Mr Fraghistas, who has two sisters and a brother, comes from an old shipping family which made its fortune by negotiating the exclusive right to import crude oil from the Soviet Union to Greece during the dictatorship of 1967-74. He now controls a fleet of four tankers from his West End business, World Carrier London, but he prefers to call himself an agent rather than an owner.

His ships fly under Maltese or Panamanian flags, to the distress of his compatriots, who regard him as a "lone wolf". He is not a member of the Greek shipping committee in London and he keeps a lowprofile within the Greek community.

His chauffeur and body-guard George Banks de-scribes him as a very private person. "He is not flashy with

#### Briton killed in Angola ambush

Three aid workers, including a Briton, were shot dead in an ambush in Angola. Oxfam said last night that Chris Seward, 46. from Essex, its deputy representative in An-gola, was killed when his United Nations vehicle was attacked 60 miles from the coastal town of Benguela. The nationalities of the other two workers are unkown.

#### Flotation threat to the Woolwich

The £3 billion stock market flotation of the Woolwich Building Society has been put in jeopardy by the sudden departure of Peter Robinson, its chief executive. The society said that it had no intention of calling in the police to investigate allegations concerning irregularities over Mr Robinson's expenses......Page 3

#### Neo-Nazis jailed

Five leaders of South Africa's

neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement have been each sentenced to 26 years' imprisonment for their roles in a bombing campaign by the movement shortly before the first democratic elections

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#### Howard unveils tougher prison sentences

BY RICHARD FORD, FRANCES GIBB AND **ALICE THOMSON** 

MICHAEL HOWARD yesterday unveiled the most farreaching sentencing reforms this century and promised tough American-style prison terms for persistent burglars and criminals convicted of repeated sexual and violent

The Home Secretary's proposals put him on a collision course with the judiciary, who were astonished at the extent of his plans and issued a warning that they would

cause injustice.
Lord Donaldson of Lymington, a former Master of the Rolls, said the plans would see judges forced to pass "unjust" sentences and declaring publicly that they did not agree with the penalties they were required to impose.

The pre-election tone of his White Paper brought cheers from Conservative MPs and support from the police but prison governors and penal reform groups said the prison population was likely to in-crease by 10,000. Mr Howard told MPs in a

Commons statement that the proposals were needed to ensure that convicted criminals would be properly punished. The proposals are aimed at protecting the public from those who persistently commit offences which cause particular public concern violent or sexual

drug-dealing and domestic burglary," he said. These proposals are tough, and they should be. They are needed to protect the public and to build a safer Britain".

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The measures will form a key part of the Queen's Speech in November and Mr Howard wants them to become law Continued on page 2, col 5

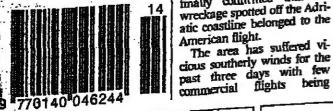
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# AN AIRCRAFT carrying Ron Brown, the American Commerce Secretary, and a delega-

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Ron Brown was flying from Tuzla to Dubrovnik

US commerce secretary's plane

crashes in the sea off Croatia

ical and business community. allowed to land at the airport. It was a measure of the importance of Mr Brown as the leading black in the Democratic Party, which he chaired during the presidential campaign, that President Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore. immediately cancelled all en-

the former warring parties in the Balkans. The flight, en route from Tuzla to Dubrovnik where the delegation had planned top level meetings with senior members of the Croatian polit-



went down at sea between the tiny island of Kalamota, a few miles southwest of the Adriatic port, and the inland Cilipi The Commerce Secretary had spent the day visiting US troops at bases around Tuzla gagements. There was no evidence of hostile action and meeting local busi-

In August last year, three against the aircraft by any of key American negotiators, led by Robert Frasure, the special envoy to the former Yugoslavia, were killed when the armoured vehicle in which they were passengers slid down a ravine near Sarajevo

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#### ning to spend three days in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia, meeting American troops but ostensibly holding talks with politicians and local businessmen to lend United States support to rebuilding the region after 42 months of

and exploded.

Mr Brown had been plan-

Mr Brown has been under investigation for fraud, and last week the investigation into his alleged financial tricks was extended to his son.

Mr Clinton, a staunch proponent of Mr Brown's avid liberalism, talked to the secretary's wife, Alma, shortly after hearing of the incident. Jesse Jackson, the civil rights activist, said he had prayed with both the President and Mrs Brown.

"Ron Brown was a faithful public servant and, if the worst has happened, we must remember that he was in his full stride, travelling across the world, connecting people." he said.

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# Scientifically speaking, MPs sign a definite article of intent

yesterday for a fortnight's Easter recess. your sketchwriter looked back over a session which, since Christmas, has looked strangely unreal. Like the Sea of Galilee, the Commons chamber has been a small place capable of working itself up without warning into surprisingly fierce storms, which subside just as fast.

The most recent, on "mad cow" disease, had all but blown itself out as MPs

left with a powerful memory of a weird interlude March was the month Science invad-

nificant. Science and its prac-

ed the chamber. Or, rather, "the" Science. Precisely when the definite article appeared is unclear, but, by the time of his Turin statement on Monday, John Major was referring, like other MPs, to "the Science". Earlier, a group we used to call scientists had been subtlely adjusted in MPs' vocabulary to "the scientists". These slight changes are sig-

cians from the status of a body of sometimes divergent opinion practised by people who sometimes disagree (as poli-tics and politicians are) to the status of a single, sovereign body of agreed knowledge: "the Science", against which there was no appeal.

sciously elevated by politi-

In truth, politicians have been looking for something bigger to hold their hand. Time and again at the dispatch box the Prime Minister has deferred to a greater



MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

authority. Time and again Tony Blair has bowed to the same superior authority: never mind what politicians thought, what did the Science think? What did the Science say? In vain did Dennis Skinner protest that scientists

could advise as they pleased

wrongly - but it was politi-

and sometimes advised

cians who must make the final judgment. This deference of political authority to science has two explanations. The obvious one is that scientists know more about BSE prions than MPs do; but in fact, the closer the Commons has approached that knowledge the more of a chimera it has seemed, irritatingly unready to relieve politicians of their duty to make judgments. The second explanation is

less obvious but, I believe. cuts deep. Politicians have lost, or feel they have lost. moral authority. Prime ministers do not expect us to take their word for it any longer. opposition leaders know we know they have axes of their own to grind, and no longer expect their own word to be trusted: "Not my words, Madam Speaker, but those of Seac

Is there, we wonder, a

committee of experts to which the question of Britain joining reasons, his words have been a single European currency could soon be deferred? Can a body of academics be found to advise on NHS reforms or pensions policy?

The year started as reverherations from the report of the Nolan committee died away. Nolan was appointed because, presumably, politi-cians felt they lacked the perceived moral authority to set their own house in order. With the new year has come the report of Sir Richard reasons, his words have been picked through in politics like scripture. "Not my words, Madam Speaker, but ... When oil was spilt off Milford Haven, MPs, distrusting the Department of Transport. called for Lord Griffiths to tell High P wer b no lor the V

us what went wrong. Nolan, Scott, Griffiths. Seac, these are the saints whose miracles our national leaders now ask us to accept as speaking for an authority that no longer seems to speak

**Teachers** 

call for

sacking

of chief

inspector

BY JOHN O'LEARY

EDUCATION EDITOR

THE most moderate of the big

teaching unions issued a near-

unanimous demand yesterday

for the Government's school

inspection system to be scrapped. Only one of 600

delegates to the annual confer-

ence of the Association of

Teachers and Lecturers (ATL)

opposed a call for the Office

for Standards in Education to

A motion claimed that in-

spection was being used as a

political weapon". Opposi-

tion to the inspection system,

which has now failed 150

schools, has been growing

throughout the teaching pro-

fession. The National Union of

Teachers will consider with-

drawing cooperation at the

weekend and the National

Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teach-

ers is expected to call next

week for the resignation of

Chris Woodhead, the Chief

A succession of delegates at

the ATL's conference in Tor-

quay accused Mr Woodhead

of political bias and con-

demned the privatised inspec-

tion process as wasteful and

inaccurate. Robin Squire, the

Schools\_Minister, drew hoots:

of derision when he insisted: that Ofsted was independent

Peter Smith, the ATL's gen-eral secretary, said teachers:

wanted a more constructive inspection regime operated by more professional teams. "I

cannot envisage Ofsted gaming the professional credibility and confidence it needs if Mr

Woodhead remains as Chief

Inspector, unless he is pre-

and politically neutral.

be disbanded.

Inspector.

# Cattle industry facing 'financial meltdown'

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

FARMERS, abattoir operators, livestock auctioneers and beef exporters issued a warning yesterday that the cattle industry was facing financial meltdown unless it received urgent help from the Government.

Businesses were running out of cash because they could not sell the huge stocks of beef that had piled up as result of the ban on exports and the collapse in the market at home, industry sources said.

Sir David Naish, the president of the National Farmers' Union, said: "It is essential that a proper compensation package is quickly implemented, not only for farmers but also for hauliers, cattle markets, abattoirs, exporters, retailers and other parts of the food chain." Ewen Cameron. president of the Country Landowners' Association and a Somerset dairy farmer, said: "I cannot stress enough the

survive for many more days. Yet it seems there is no prospect of the export ban

being lifted for at least six

Brian Montgomery, head of agriculture at the National Westminster Bank, said: Farmers are probably under the least immediate pressure. But the paralysis of the beef industry is starting to hit abattoirs, exporters, proces-

sors and exporters severely." Farmers can hope for some relief from the EU-backed plan to dispose of old cows and breeding bulls which cannot now go into the food chain. About £480 a head will be paid to larmers for these animals: about the same as they would have fetched if still being used for food.

The difficulty facing the Ministry of Agriculture is that about 15,000 old cartle go for slaughter every week. Britain's nine licensed livestock

whole range of firms unable to incinerators cannot handle more than about 3,000 carcasses a week. One idea being looked at is to have the carcasses turned into meat and bone meal by renderers and then used as fuel in power stations. Chicken litter is already used in some stations.

Farmers said they were extremely worried the Government might be forced to destroy large numbers of younger animals in herds with a past history of BSE to get the export ban lifted. This could wipe out half the nation's dairy herd. Sir David said: "We see no evidence that such a move would greatly reduce the incidence of BSE." The Federation of Fresh-

to half the 6,500 cattle slaughtermen had been laid The Meat and Livestock Commission estimates that

31,500 tonnes of beef, worth

meat Wholesalers said that up

stores abroad, in abattois chiller rooms and in bonded warehouses at ports, or is stuck on ships at sea, because it cannot now be sold. Jim Watson, head auction-

eer at Banbury in Oxfordshire, Europe's biggest cattle market, said: "We sold only about 200 cattle today whereas at this time of year we would normally expect a daily sale of 1,000 or more." Mr Watson said the Ministry of Agriculture had made matters worse by using dental development the criterion for defining cattle over 30 months old. "The ministry order says that any animal with two fully grown incisor teeth cannot be slaughtered for food," he said. This means that prime steers and heifers as young as 20 months, with no risk of BSE infection at all, are being turned away. It is crazy."

Paul Heiney, page 20 Letters, page 21



# Health experts play down risk of human infection

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

THERE is little risk of human contamination from bovine spongiform encephalopathy if current safety procedures are curried out, the World Health Organisation said yesterday, its verdict is based on an exhaustive study of worldwide scien-

A two-day meeting in Geneva of experts from seven countries issued a strengthened set of recommenda-

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tions to prevent BSE-infected tissue, and meat from any animal infected with similar diseases, from reaching the food chain. They said that in addition to the slaughter and safe disposal of animals showing signs of infection, safe rendering procedures for all cattle were essential. There should be a ban on ruminant tissue used in feed for cows. sheep and

other ruminants, the experts added. The WHO added that milk products were safe, even in countries with a high incidence of BSE. Dr Joseph Losos, the director-general of health protection at the Canadian laboratory for disease control, said there was enough evidence from all BSE-type diseases to show that milk would not transmit them. Gelatine was also considered to be safe: "The manufacturing process has been demonstrated to significantly inactivate any residual infective activity that may have been present in source tissues."

The scientists said that there was an urgent need for more research into the ten newer forms of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease uncovered in Britain, although there was still no proven link with exposure to the BSE agent. "The geographic distribution of this new variant, although reported at present only in the United Kingdom, needs to be better defined," Dr Losos said.

CJD remained a rare disease, the experts said. The rate of infection, about one per million, was constant in all countries, including Britain. The American Government is planning to close a regulatory loop-

supplements and cosmetics at risk of containing ingredients from BSEinfected cattle. The makers, unlike pharmaceutical manufacturers and food producers, are not barred from importing beef from countries known to have infected herds.

The Food and Drug Administration in Washington said new regulations were being considered because the industry's response to repeated demands for voluntary compliance had been unsatisfactory.

THE successful end to the

operation against the kidnap-

pers of George Fraghistas is

tribute to the police's largely successful strategy for dealing

with a rare but complex crime.

By putting the life of the victim above the arrest of the

kidnappers Commander Rov

Ramm and his team were

following the advice of confi-

dential guidelines on the han-

The guide, compiled by the Association of Chief Police

Officers, was drawn up after

the grim experiences of the

Seventies when police faced

heavy criticism for the loss of

The need for such a manual

underlines the rarity of kidnap

cases. Few senior officers ever investigate a kidnapping.

The most recent case was last year when John Warring-

ton demanded £50,000 for the

release of Margaret Smith,

wife of a St Albans business-

man. She was freed when a

milkman heard her cries from

the tiny room where she was

held captive for five days.

Warrington was jailed for 15

The advice on negotiation techniques, surveillance and instigating news blackouts is

currently being incorporated

into a new handbook dealing

with rare major crime such as

serial killings and multiple rapes as well as kidnapping.

It is being written after a

year-long study by a group

headed by Detective Chief

Superintendent Michael Jen-

kins of the West Midlands

In kidnapping cases it is considered vital to establish

quickly a sympathetic relationship with the victim's rela-

tives and to coach them on

After the death of Leslie

Whittle in 1975 at the hands of

Donald Neilson, known as the

Black Panther, Scotland Yard

introduced a policy of taking press into police confidence in exchange for a police blackout of details of a kidnap case until

It was thought that details

appearing in the press could have contributed to Miss

Whittle's fate. The 17-year-old

daughter of a wealthy busi-

its conclusion.

how to talk to the kidnapper.

dling of kidnap cases.

life in two cases.

Strategy changed

after Panther case

By LIN JENKINS

## Cull plan

Continued from page 1 exposed to BSE-infected meatand bone meal". No details have been finalised of how herds would be identified or how many animals likely to be involved but some member states want Britain to cull all herds with even one case of BSE. That would wipe out 54 per cent of dairy herds and 15 per cent of beef herds.

Mr Hogg said abattoirs with cash-flow problems would have inspection charges waived and that banks would face government pressure to underwrite the costs to slaughterhouses of taking on new business.

The refusal of the European Union to lift the worldwide ban on British beef exports worth nearly £600 million a year is a stunning political rebuff and Tory backbenchers turned their fire on European

Sir Teddy Taylor, the Eurosceptic. Tory MP, said that Britain had been "humiliated" and called for Britain to deduct the cost of the cattle cull from its EU contributions.

Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith. a former Tory minister, told Mr Hoge that there was 'a growing loss of confidence in the integrity of the ministers from the EU with whom you are trying to negotiate."

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, leapt to the defence of Mr Hogg. who was criticised for leaving the European talks without securing a promise that the ban would be lifted.

He dismissed as "a total misrepresentation" the suggestion that fellow ministers were dissatisfied with the way Mr Hogg had dealt-with the

nessman died three days after being tied by the neck in a

drainage shaft. Her body was

Another case which helped

to shape procedures was in

1970 when police expertise was

so limited that they were

forced to turn to the FBI for

help when Muriel McKay, the 56-year-old wife of the deputy

chairman of the News of the

World, was kidnapped. A

not found for seven weeks.

Paul Heiney, page 20 Letters, page 21 Photograph, page 24

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pared to listen to the criticisms that are being made and take them seriously." he said. Mr Woodhead's outspoken criticism of teaching stan-dards, and especially his estimate that 15,000 teachers are incompetent, have made him uniquely unpopular in the

But the Chief Inspector said he was surprised that Mr Smith had sought to personalise the debate. "I shall continue to do all I can to ensure that education standards in this country rise in the way they are doing and must," Mr Woodhead said. Rigorous external inspection of the kind provided by Ofsted was vitally important if progress in schools was to be maintained.

# ransom of £1 million was

Leslie Whittle: killed by Donald Neilson

demanded but not collected. Two men were jailed for the kidnap but Mrs McKay's body was never found.

Scotland Yard said yesterday that in the Fraghistas case it had been decided not to brief the press. "It is at the discretion of the officer in the case whether to or not. As a rule of thumb we normally wait until there is a press query and in this case there was not," a spokesman said.

# Schools to miss league

UP TO 1,000 small primary schools may be omitted from the first league tables of 11year-olds' test results, Robin Squire, the Schools Minister, told a teachers' union conference yesterday (John O'Leary writes).
The tables, to be published

next year, have been con-demned by teachers' leaders as misleading. Ministers hope that by removing schools that have fewer than ten pupils sitting next term's tests, they will blunt some of the criticism.

Mr Squire told the Associ-ation of Teachers and Lecturers' conference at Torquay that the fluctuations in small schools' results might be too great to provide meaningful comparisons.

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#### **Howard** Continued from page 1

before next April, in time for the general election. If the poll is called before then, the proposals will be a main plank of the Conservative manifesto.

The key changes are auto-matic life sentences for offenders who repeat serious violent or sexual crimes, minimum seven-year jail terms for those convicted for a third time of dealing in Class A drugs and minimum three-year sentences for defendants found guilty of burglary three times. The Government accepts a huge prison building pro-gramme will be needed, at an estimated cost to the taxpayer of £3 billion over 25 years.

Labour, which is anxious not to be wrongfooted on law and order before a general election, gave a cautious welcome to the changes. Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, said Labour supported the principle of honesty in sentencing and the idea of indeterminate sentences for rapists and other serious offenders. He was not opposed to minimum sentences.

With Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, maintaining a silence on the White Paper, the judicial assault was led by Lord Donaldson. He said he was "shaken" by the proposal that the automatic life sentence, to be imposed for a second violent offence, would "actual-ly mean life". It would increase the risk of more murders. "It will be like a murder sentence so that the offender is permanently on licence," he said.

He described as "breathtaking" the White Paper's stipulation that judges would be able to avoid passing an automatic life sentence only in "genuinely exceptional cases".

Mr Howard's proposal to take account of previous convictions stretching back years when deciding a defendant's eligibility for an automatic life sentence was "wholly unrea-sonable," he said.

"It is not retrospective legis-lation. But it will lead to injustice. If you take grievous bodily harm with intent - the intent can be quite small. The person may as a juvenile have been involved in a pub brawl and 20 over the top. They may then be provoked - and find himself in for life."

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Shock at the golf club and murmurs in the City as £3bn deal is threatened

# High price of row over boss who is no longer with the Woolwich

By Patricia Tehan and Robert Miller

THE E3 billion stock market flotation of the Woolwich Building Society has been put in jeopardy by the sudden departure of Peter Robinson, its chief executive, amid allegations of the abuse of company facilities.

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Sir Brian Jenkins, the chairman, and Donald Kirkham. the former chief executive who will step in to fill Mr Robinson's shoes until a replacement is found, met yesterday to discuss how to handle the crisis, preserve the society's reputation and limit the extent of the damage. The Woolwich said yester-

day that it had no intention of calling in the police to investigate allegations concerning rregularities over expenses. A spokesman added that the Woolwich's concerns were over the alleged "irregular use" of expenses and facilities.

The allegations, flatly de-nied by Mr Robinson, are understood to concern the use of company gardeners, electricians and decorators for work on his home over a longer period of time than the three

thouths initially suggested.

In a statement issued by his solicitor, Mr Robinson said he was "totally shocked" by what had happened. The first I heard from the board was on Monday afternoon. This was after 33 years of unblemished service with the Woolwich, of which I am very proud, and culminating in my appointment as chief executive only three months ago. I deny that I have in any way misused the

society's facilities and the matter is now in the hands of my solicitor."

A statement from the Woowlich said: "Mr Robinson is entitled to his views. But our action was based on an irreparable loss of confidence of our board and management."

City corporate financiers and analysts said the dramatic departure of the man who had been chief executive for only three months, and chief executive designate for eight years. could severely damage the flotation plans. If the flotation goes ahead, about three million qualifying savers and 550,000 qualifying borrowers would receive an estimated average of around £1,000 each in a free share distribution next year.

Predators were said to be circling the society yesterday. although Sir Brian said the Woolwich had received no approaches. Martin Hughes, banking analyst with Credit Lyonnais Laing, said: "I fully expect money to be put on the table by possible buyers. The strategy of any business has been built over many years. If someone has been instrumental in that over many years. you cannot throw someone new in and expect them to be the same." At the very least, he said, it would affect the valuation of the society by the stock

Speculation yesterday centred on banks such as HSBC, Midland's parent, Abbey National, the Prudential,

home was empty after his wife Janice packed two suitcases and left last night with a family friend and their two golden retrievers.

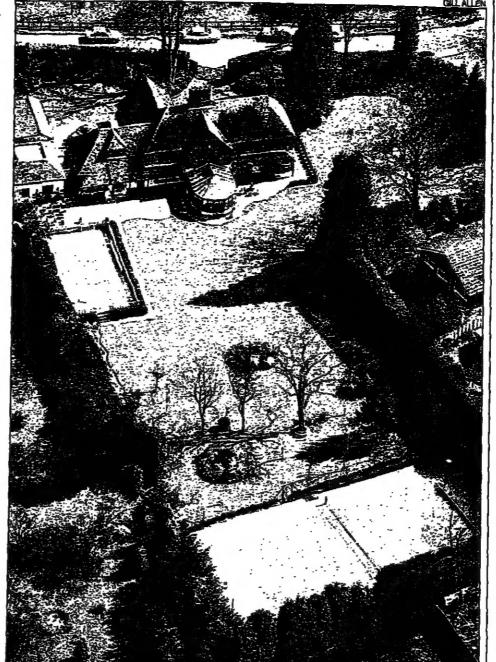
Also officially "on holiday was Mr Robinson's multi-millionare brother Alan, who sold his estate-agent business to the Halifax for a reported £20 million during the property boom of the late Eighties. At home in Chislehurst, southeast London, Peter Robinson's student nephew Steve, aged 20, said: "Peter is one of the nicest blokes I know, and always great fun. I've heard claims he was arrogant and should go to charm school but that is not the uncle I know.

"In our family, money is never mentioned. No one is tight with their cash. The conversation around the dinner table is about football and birds. My favourite thing to do was play a round of golf with him. He plays off 12 handicap, I'm 18, and the matches are pretty competitive."

Mr Robinson's departure

met with disbelief at the West Kent Golf Club in Orpington, where he has been a statwart member for more than 20 years and is regarded as an accomplished after-dinner

Paul Stevens, the club secretary, said: "Everybody was shocked by the announce-ment. One feels very sorry for him. He is a very outgoing. confident man. He is still very



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Aerial view of the Robinsons' mock Tudor home and carefully tended gardens

## House-proud couple who give their home a little extra help

THE Robinsons clearly take great pride in their house and garden. Barely a year has passed without Peter and Janice making some alteration to the property in Brasted, Kent, say locals.

Mr Robinson left his post

as chief executive of the Woolwich amid allegations that he used company-paid contractors for improvements to his home and garden. The contractors are thought to work at a Woolwich training centre London. Yesterday, security guards at the centre ordered

eporters off the premises. Mr Robinson's mock Tudor house would not look out of place on the cover of a glossy country living magazine. The couple set up home there in 1983, quickly adding a 20ft

swimming pool. A hard tennis court was next, then a conservatory, and finally a hacienda-style gymnasium with mirrored walls.

But it is the extensive rounds that catch the eye. At the front, banks of heather and dwarf conifers are hidden from a country lane by a neat laurel and conifer hedge. Wooden tubs of primulas and ivy welcome visitors to the main door. Neighbours said Mr Robin-

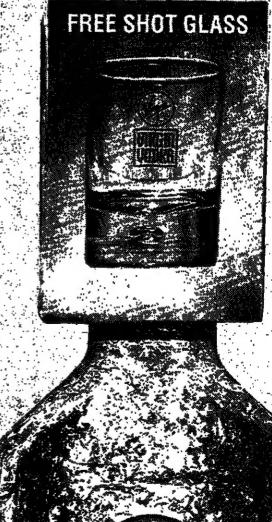
ght extra land for the all-weather tennis court behind the house and was a regular player, summer and winter, with his two daughters. The court is surrounded by tall conifers at the end of a lawn smooth enough for Mr Robinson to practise his putting. Rockeries have been

cut into the grass, box hedging encloses the pool, and on a table in the conservatory one of the volumes is The Window Box Book. A crazy-paving pario is dotted with terracotta pots brimming with flowers.

"The lawn is perfect," said Joe Harbert, a neighbour of 13 years who has watched the Robinson home take shape. "Mr Robinson and his wife are out there on the lawnmowers twice a week. They seem to have two or

"He even feeds the lawn in winter. He has transformed this place. It used to belong to an elderly gentleman and had become a bit overgrown. But one thing I have noticed is that they don't plant any

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# Hendrix lover claims victory

By OLIVER AUGUST

A GIRLFRIEND of Jimi Hendrix claimed victory yesterday over another of the rock star's lovers who was found guilty of contempt at the

Kathy Etchingham, now a

doctor's wife and mother of two sons, said her battle with Moniks Danneman, a German, was finally over. Miss Etchingham, 50, who had a 30-month relationship

with the American guitarist, was awarded costs, ending a 25-year dispute over the circumstances of Hendrix's death in 1970. But Mr Justice French declined to jail Miss Danneman,

in whose flat Hendrix died, or make her pay damages. The court was told she was in bad health and recently had to sell her paintings of Hendrix to

support herself.
Miss Danneman was found to be in contempt because in her book on the guitarist, published last year, she had breached an earlier undertak-

ing not to call Miss Etchingham an "inveterate

Peter Robinson, third from left, with his three brothers at a golf club dinner

Speaking outside the court. Miss Etchingham said she was delighted with the result. "Monika Danneman was always trying to show that she was engaged to Jimmy while I was going out with him. They were only together the last three days of his life."

Miss Etchingham has alvays claimed that Hendrix had become immersed in sex and drugs and was extremely unhappy in 1970. But Miss Danneman remembers Hendrix's last few months as happy. She claims they got engaged and that Miss Etchingham was trying to

steal Hendrix from her. Mr Justice French agreed with Miss Etchingham that the allegations made in the book were similar to state-ments made by Miss Danneman in the 1970s and published in 1991 which she had undertaken not to repeat.

# Doctor must pay £825,000 over advice against measles vaccine

By Jeremy Laurance, Health correspondent

someone with whom they A DOCTOR who advised the parents of a five-year-old girl have sympathy receives compensation," he said. against a measles vaccination was ordered to pay £825,000 Dr Blake James, a GP. damages yesterday after the girl suffered brain damage advised Emma's parents, Terence and Ann Thomson, of caused by the disease. Farnham, Surrey, that be-

Emma Thomson, who is now 14, contracted measles after the advice was given and suffered the rare complication of encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). She has person-ality and behavioural prob-lems and will never be able to lead a normal life.

The judgment is likely to cause confusion among doctors faced with advising pa-tients about the risk of vaccinations. One medicolegal expert said last night that it reinforced the case for a nofault system of compensation. "If the doctor had recommended vaccination and the

age, the court might still have

given her £825,000. We have a

system that requires judges to

bend the rules to ensure

child had suffered brain dam-

uidelines. Mr Justice Gage said: "The advice given was causative of the damage sustained by Emma. She will never be able to work or live a normal life. The result of measles encephalitis has been catastrophic."

cause their daughter had a

history of convulsions it would

be better not to vaccinate her.

But a High Court judge said yesterday that Dr James' should have told the Thom-

sons that Emma could have

been vaccinated if special

precautions were taken under

Department of Health

After taking a year to recover from the illness, Emma was left with speech impediments,

autistic behaviour patterns

and is unable to read because

of severe learning difficulties.

Official Health Department advice in 1987, when Emma was considered for vaccination, was that children with a history of convulsions could be given the vaccine safely if it was taken with another drug, dilute human normal

immunoglobulin.

However, since the triple measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine was introduced in 1988, that advice has stops the rubella and mumps elements from working.

The Department of Health said last night that it had received 548 reports of adverse reactions after the national vaccination campaign against measles in the autumn of 1994 in which 6.5 million children received the MMR vaccine. Most were minor rashes or fevers but at least 80 had "acute allergic reactions" or delayed reactions leading to fits or other problems. A spokesman said that no writs for damages caused by the

vaccine had been received. Mr Justice Gage said that Dr James had had a duty of care to give full information to the parents about the vaccination and ways of reducing the risk. They could then have consulted a paediatrician. Given the state of medical knowledge at that time I think a paediatrician would have advised it could have been

The court was told that anxiety about whooping cough vaccine in the 1970s had 'spilt over" in the public mind to measles vaccinations. This had led many parents to be reluctant to let their children be vaccinated.

Two other doctors who also failed to vaccinate the child were cleared of any blame because the judge said Mrs Thomson's subsequent reluctance over measles vaccinations was caused by her first consultation with Dr James.

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# Bishop prays for peaceful Easter in divided parish



Dixon: Christmas handshake was spurned by Miss Wilson

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

AN ANGLICAN clergyman threatened yesterday to take legal action against a parishioner in a feud over accusations that he mishandled church finances.

The Rev Robert Dixon said he has been reduced to tears and had tendered his resignation as priestin-charge of Holy Trinity, Southwick, in the Durham diocese after clashing with a church warden, Kathleen Wilson, a magistrate. He said the parish refused to

accept his resignation. The Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev Michael Turnbull, said the dispute was a "corrosive influence on the parish, and appealed the Bishop of Durham's office attended by a hundred parishioto the both parties to use the spirit

of Easter to put their differences behind them. Mr Dixon claims his congregation has fallen by half in the past two years because of Miss Wilson's complaints. The problems began when Miss Wilson suggested to the parochial church council three years ago that the vicar was mishandling the parish's

financial affairs. Worshippers still talk of how their priest was left sobbing in the aisle when he was shunned by Miss Wilson after offering her the hand of peace on Christmas Day. Some were so appalled by the pitiful sight that they burst into

tears of sympathy. To quash the rumours, Mr Dixon, 45, requested an audit by which failed to substantiate the can take against Miss Wilson. He said: "Things were fine until

was in hospital with food poisoning and Miss Wilson publicly aired some very serious questions over my professional capability and my honesty. For a dergyman that is the worst kind of accusation and people started to treat me differently as a result. There was a feeling that there was no smoke without fire and I wasn't being given the chance to explain. Attendances at church had been going up but after this bombshell they sank by half and have stayed there. It is very depressing. Bishop Turnball came to a public meeting

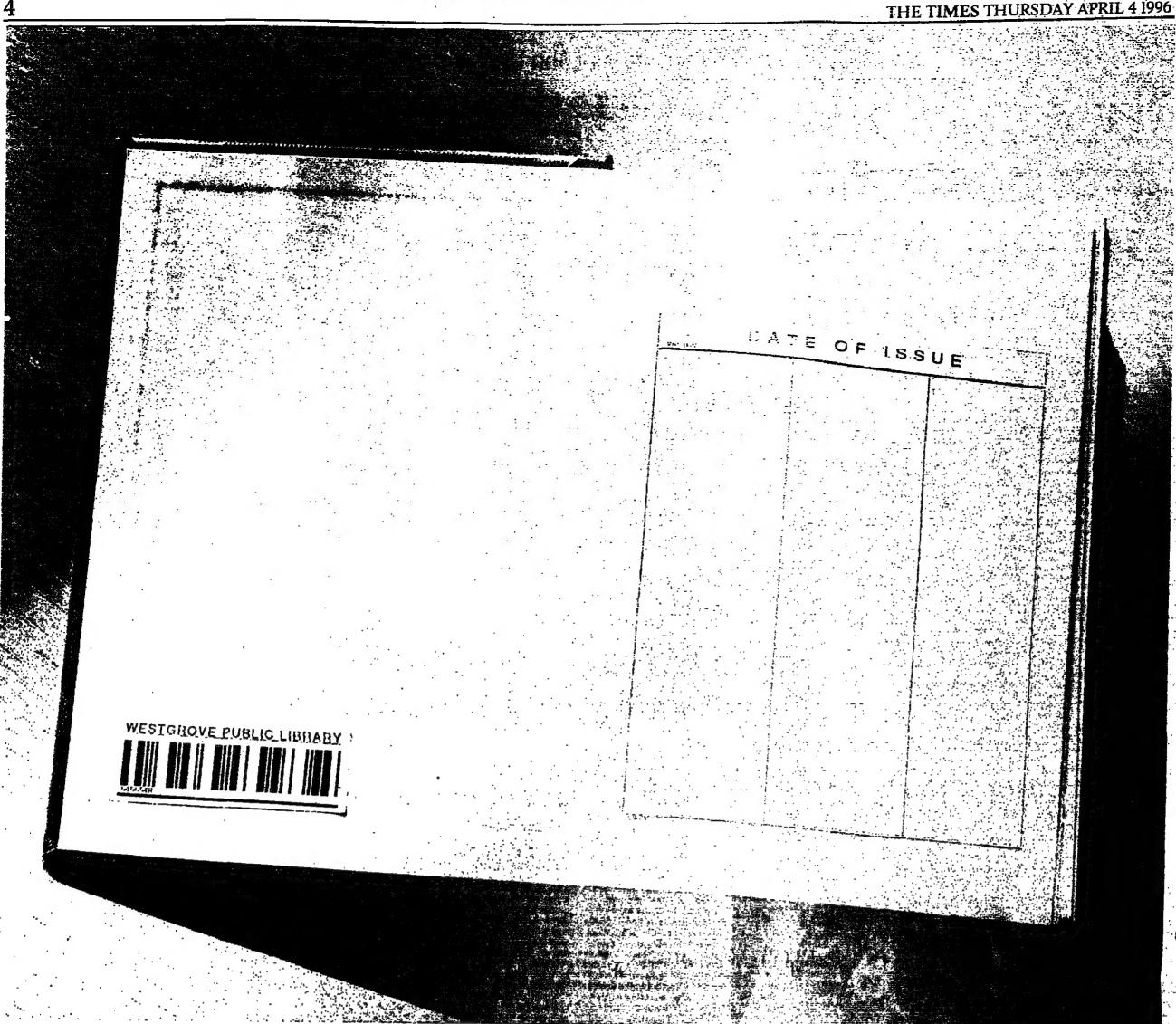
ners and told them he could find no

solicitor to advise him of action he court injunction to stop further rumours being spread.

"The most miserable time was two Christmases ago," he said. "I was walking around the congrega-tion shaking hands and wishing them a happy Christmas. I said: 'God bless you Kathy, happy Christmas'. She got up and walked to the other side of the church. I just burst into tears. It was a terrible moment and ruined a special day for me. Yet every Sunday she is in church without fail. Maybe it would be better if she went to another church but clearly

she doesn't want to." Miss Wilson, of Silksworth, Tyne and Wear, said: "I attend Holy Trinity every week but I have

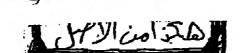
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# Retired couple on 13-year voyage are held captive after yacht is boarded by Eritreans

# Round-the-world pair arrested in Red Sea spy row

A BRITISH couple appealed for help yesterday after the Eritrean navy interrupted their 13-year circumnavigation of the globe by boarding their yacht and putting them under house arrest.

Peter Billing, 64, and his wife Shirley, 61, have been held prisoner for 16 days. The Eritreans claim their 35ft ketch Clypeus strayed into a restricted zone near the Hanish islands in the Red Sea, which are the subject of a territorial dispute with Yemen. A naval patrol vessel

boarded the twin-masted boat as it lay at anchor two days out of Aden, and forced the couple, from Wokingham, Berkshire. to a desert military camp. They were interrogated then flown to the capital. Asmara. with a French couple arrested in the same circumstances. They are now being kept in an hotel, but are not allowed to leave their room and cannot

make outgoing calls.

The Billings, who are experienced navigators, insist that they consulted other yachts-men before passing through

the area and were given no warnings when they left Aden. Mrs Billing said yesterday that they were woken by armed men who forced them 10 sail through dangerous shallow waters in the dark, then took their passports, charts and cameras.

She and her husband, an electronics engineer, were forced into a mice-infested hut at gunpoint and left alone for hours. "We were in fear of our lives for the first three days. We just had no idea what was going on and were not allowed to speak to anyone," she said.
"They seemed to think we were spies, which is ridiculous. We are grandparents and so are the French couple,

The problem seems to be that it is difficult to explain to people who have been at war for 30 years that you have enough leisure time to go off and cruise around the world on your own. They just do not understand it and they proba-

bly think we are mad."

The couple set off around the world on March 19, 1983, after selling their home. Their voyage has taken them via the Mediterranean to the Caribbe-



Peter and Shirley Billing, who are both in their 60s, were interrogated in a desert camp on suspicion of spying

an, the Ga!apagos Islands, the South Pacific, South-East Asia, Oman and Yemen. They spent four years in Taiwan and Singapore where Mr Billing worked for the engineering firm of which he was formerly a director.

On Sunday, after nearly a formight in captivity, they were allowed access to the honorary British consul, whom they criticised for being "nice, but not very aggres

sive". "He thinks it's better to play the thing quietly, but the softly, softly approach has gone on long enough." Mrs Billing said.

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Habtom Gebremichael, Consul-General at the Eritrean Consulate in London, said last night: "It will be sorted out. I gather they are about to be released. This should have taken place on Tuesday, but it has not yet."

The Foreign Office con-

firmed last night that the Eritreans were initially reluctant to grant acress, but allowed the honorary consul-to visit after officials in Addis Ababa "underlined our concerns" by letter. "The consul reports they are in good spirits and we understand there is a likelihood they may be released very shortly," a spokes-

The couple's three children did not hear of their plight

man said last night.

until Friday. Their daughter. Andrea Lowther-Harris, 33, said she feared the worst until she managed to talk to them by telephone at the weekend.

They are bored silly, but

I'm sure they will cope all right, Knowing them, Dad will have mended all the mobile phones and Mum will have taught them all synchronised swimming and how to teach English as foreign language.

#### **Operation** on boy who died 'was not needed'

By Stephen Farrell

A BOY aged 23 months who was shuttled around four hospitals in one day died after unnecessary surgery, an inquest was told yesterday. A pathologist said that a postmortem examination revealed no evidence that Robert Benton, who died at a Birmingham hospital last summer, suffered from a congenital chest problem.

Surgeons operated after suspecting that an object was blocking his airway. They then claimed to have discovered evidence of trachecbronchio malacia, an underdevelopment of cartilage that causes the windpipe to

But Dr David Rushton, a paediatric pathologist, told the Birmingham inquest that Robert, of Rowley Regis, West Midlands, died from a collapse of the lungs after acute bronchial infection. "I am confident this child had a major respiratory tract infection. A mistake was made in entertaining the diagnosis of effects of treatment contributed materially to the death."

Joseph Khalil-Marzouk, the consultant who operated, said the congenital condition would not necessarily show in a post-mortem examination and that Robert would have died without surgery.
The inquest was adjourned

## Privately owned NHS hospital given go-ahead

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

THE building of the first privately owned NHS hospital was approved by ministers yesterday as a government health adviser gave a warming that it heralded a battle between bankers and loctors for control of the

Professor Chris Ham, head of healthcare management at Birmingham University and the Health Secretary, said plans by a private consortium to build a 700-bed NHS hospital in Norwich, costing £170 million, would pit shareholders' interests against patients and had not been thought through" by the

The hospital, to be built south of the city, is the largest privately financed venture approved in the NHS. It was being described by ministers yesterday as an example of the success of the privatefunding strategy, which was launched in 1992 but has found few takers.

Octagon Healthcare, a consortium of John Laing Construction and General Healthcare, will build and pay for the hospital, then lease it to the NHS on a 60-year conyears. Agreement in principle has been reached. Contracts are due to be signed by June.

John Horam, a Health Minister, who also announced a - £90 million project to rebuild the Princess Margaret Hospital in Swindon, refused to disclose the terms of either deal, but insisted that they were good value for money when account was taken of the "transfer of risk" from the public to the private sector.

Mr. Horam said the Nor-folk and Norwich NHS Trust would run the new hospital without interference from Octagon, but Professor Ham said that was unrealistic.

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By A STAFF REPORTER

TWO mothers won a High Court battle yesterday in their attempt to force a clean-up of the sewage-polluted beach that is their children's "park and playground".

Mr Justice Carnwath ruled that their local council must reconsider its refusal to issue an order against South West Water, requiring it to clean up their local beach.

Rachel Shelley, 21, and Sara Delaney, 29. from Porthtowan in north Cornwall, had accused Carrick District Council of unlawfully deciding last June that it would be inappropriate" to serve an abatement notice on the water company, which is responsible for sewage disposal.

David Pannick. QC. their counsel, had argued that the authority was failing to exercise its responsibilities under the 1990 Environmental Protection Act for protecting the

The surfing beach was popular with local people and holidaymakers. All year round it was park and play-ground to Ms Shelley's 18month-old son Petroc and Ms Delaney's 15-month-old son Kai. the QC said.

The judge said that the council "had failed to deal with the critical issue" of whether a health risk or public nuisance was being caused by condoms and other sewage debris being washed ashore.

Judge refuses to issue guidelines for BMA

# Baby who never smiled will be allowed to die

SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A BABY is having her lifesupport machine switched off to end what a judge called "almost living death". The three-month-old child survived meningitis but was left with severe brain damage. She has never smiled and doctors doubt that she ever

The baby, who was referred to only as C, cannot see or hear properly, move independently or communicate. Her only possible pleasure is having her forehead stroked.

Sir Stephen Brown, England's most senior family judge, was told she could be expected to live no more than two years, during which her condition would deteriorate, causing further pain and distress. She is neither brain

dead nor in a coma. But Sir Stephen, President of the High Court Family Division, resisted pressure from doctors to issue guidelines which could have led to the widespread euthanasia of brain-damaged children.

After hearing two hours of evidence and the views of four specialists and examining ultrasound brain scans, he said that each case must be judged on its merits. The judge consented to the withdrawal of

not have what can really be described as an independent

The British Medical Association wanted the judge to provide guidelines for hospitals treating other hospitals so that they would know whether they should be referred to the courts before patients were allowed to die. A leading consultant paediatric neurologists gave evidence that there were many children in a similar position to Baby C.

She was born eight weeks prematurely on January 2 Within a fortnight of her birth she developed a form of meningitis which left her seriously

Baby C suffers many convulsions every day and is given three drugs to treat them. She seems distressed by noise, such as the vacuum cleaning of her special-care baby ward. Although her eyes work, the parts of her brain which interpret their signals

are damaged.
She suffers discomfort from feeding tube pushed through her nostril to the back of her throat and stomach, and a breathing tube into her windpipe. She is developing hydrocephalus, which causes headaches and requires daily insertion of needles in her brain to drain fluid. If she lived, she would need three

posing to inject her with morphine to relieve pain and induce a coma. She will be removed from the ventilator and her parents invited to join her in a private room until she dies, which should be within two hours. All the nurses in the baby unit support the withdrawal of treatment.

Sir Stephen said that the parents had faced the situation bravely. Their solicitor said: They are relieved that the decision has now been made. They have had to sit through two hours of a court hearing, listening to doctors describe how badly disabled and damaged their little baby is. That has been a harrowing experience for them."

Up to 1,000 cases involving babies born with severe problems arise each year. Doctors were disappointed that Sir Stephen had failed to give them guidelines on when to refer such cases to court. Medical staff are afraid that they could be accused of murder or manslaughter if they let patients die.

Dr Fleur Fisher, head of ethics for the BMA, said doctors needed a framework for such cases "where the burden of treatment is as distressing as the condition itself and where that treatment is to no other avail than to keep the child alive".



Barry Manilow with the mask he signed on the nose for the Prince's Trust

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treatment from the baby, whom he made a ward of

court last month when a

health trust asked for permis-

doctors that her ventilator

should be switched off. After

the hearing they returned to a hospital in the North of Eng-land to prepare for their

Sir Stephen said: "It is a

ery extreme case indeed. The

future is frankly quite hope-

less, which is a terrible thing

to have to say. There is no

prospect of amelioration of her

condition. There is no prospect of recovery. It is, of course,

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# Prince has a nose for a good envoy

PEPSI rolled out Concorde for its relaunch. Yesterday the Prince of Wales went one better and rolled out Barry Manilow.

The world's favourite dropnosed singer vesterday joined Gary Lineker, Phil Collins, Pierce Brosnan and Dame Diana Rigg in becoming a celebrity ambassador for the Prince's Trust, which tries to give young, disadvantaged

people a leg-up in life. Manilow, who will become the trust's American-based ambassador - appeared to think that he had perhaps been sort of knighted. "This is a great honour and a great at an unfamiliar audience of mostly young men, none of whom was fainting or hurling their underwear at him. "This is the first time I have been involved in anything remotely

royal. "You know, guys, the double whammy is that I really believe in this. Out of all the organisations I have been asked to get involved in, the Prince's Trust really

speaks to me. He said that his own childhood was, materially, as dis-

advantaged as they come. He

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Ellis Martin, 37, sold 27

lorry-loads of duty-free extra-

strong lager directly to shop-

keepers when it should have

been held in a bonded ware-

house for export. He later shipped 230 lorry-loads of beer

to Calais, where he had set up

a front company, then re-

exported it to Britain and sold

it to shops, including cash-and-carries. Each time he

charged the shopkeepers VAT

and the 100 per cent duty

Martin, a father of two from

payable on extra-strong beers.

Southgate, north London,

made so much money that he

paid cash for a £270,000 home

and two Mercedes convert-

ibles and set up a property

Southwark Crown Court convicted him of five charges

of cheating Customs out of

£7.75 million in duty and VAT

company to launder the rest.

VAT and duty.

grew up in a sixth-floor walk up in Brooklyn: "If you look up the word slum in a dictionary, you'll see my

neighbourhood.
"What we did have 50 years ago was a family structure. I look back and I remember having very little, but I te member a very secure back-ground. I think that if you give children a sense that the will be loved, no mattery they'll get out of a than

neighbourhood and prosp Trust ambassadors are expected to attend function give performances. young people or lead their name to this or that project. to donate proceeds from the penultimate Wembley concert of his present British tour to the trust. He also handed over yesterday a clay mask he had decorated, one of a thousand masks that the Prince of Wales asked artists and celebrities across the world to paint the masks will be auctioned at Sotheby's in November to raise funds.

"I made a mask and signed it on the nose," he said: "How appropriate, ch?" Even the hard-bitten photographers present melted.

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between November 1993 and June 1994. James White, 49, of High Halstow, Kent, managing director of a bonded warehouse, was found guilty of two charges of evading duty. Sentence was adjourned until April 29.

Julie Court, 27, Martin's girlfriend, and Sukvinder Singh, 25, his chief salesman, were cleared of two charges of evading duty.

#### 重 N Follows Prison chief says he was forced out

The man who was removed from his job as governor of Parkhurst Prison after the breakout of three lifers in January last year is taking his case for constructive dismissal to an industrial tribunal. John Marriott, who was moved to other duties before resigning in November, says that he was never given a chance to defend himself against criticism.

#### Fallout finding

Western Isles Health Board ruled out the 1986 Chernobyl disaster as a cause of cancer on Benbecula. A local GP had reported that his cancer cases had tripled since 1994.

#### Bus stop death

A six-year-old girl was killed when a towed car broke free and hit a bus shelter in Sunderland. Natalie Potts's mother and older brother were treated in hospital for cuts and shock.

#### Wander lonely

The first day of organised daffodil tours of Wordsworth haunts in Cumbria was cancelled because the flowers have yet to bloom. Tours are available until May 29.

#### GORRECTION -

Douglas Bader did not lose both legs in combat in the Second World War (leading article. March 18) but as a result of a flying accident in

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White Paper proposes sentencing measures that could increase the prison population by a fifth

# Repeat of serious crime will carry automatic life term

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

EXTENSIVE changes in sentencing policy were unveiled by the Home Secretary yesterday in the Government's fourth substantial reform of the criminal justice system in eight years.

The White Paper acknowledges that the measures will increase the prison population by about a fifth and add almost £500 million to the annual cost of fighting crime. It says: "The Government is determined to hit serious. dangerous and persistent offenders hard, to provide an effective deterrent and severe punishment for those who nevertheless continue

The 60-page report outlines a series of reforms in six

important areas. ☐ Serious violent and sex offenders: automatic life senences will be imposed on offenders convicted for a second time of attempted murder. threat or conspiracy to murder, manslaughter, wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm, robbery involvMAIN POINTS

sexual intercourse with a girl under 13. The sentence will be im-

posed even if the second offence is not the same as the first and any previous conviction for a relevant offence will count as a qualifying conviction, including crimes committed when under the age of 17 and before the new measure becomes law. However, a judge will be able to decide a lesser term if it is thought there were \*genuninely exceptional circumstances".

A judge will set the minimum term for "deterrence and retribution", and when that is complete the Parole Board, not a politician, will decide whethperson should be released. ☐ Mandatory minimum sentences for drug dealers: courts will have to impose a minimum seven-year sentence on an offender aged 18 or over convicted of trafficking in a Class A substance, who has two or more previous convictions for similar offences. Class A drugs include cocaine, heroin and Ecstasy. The sentence will apply to

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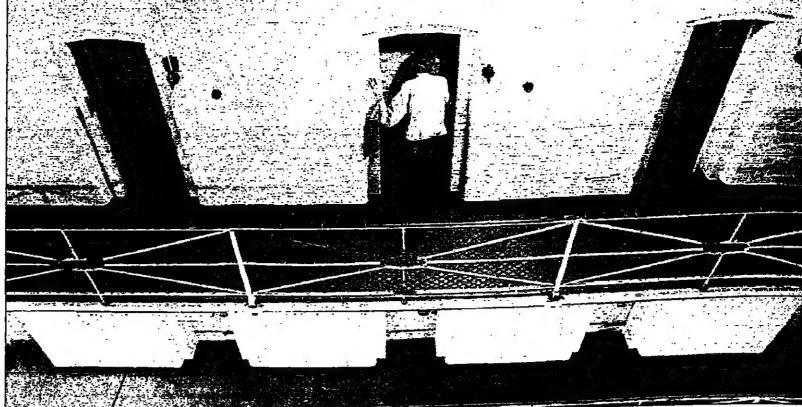
ing and possessing a Class A drug and importing or

Any previous similar conviction will count as a qualifying offence, including those committed when under 17 and any committed before the proposals become law. But the minimum term will be imposed only where the third conviction relates to an offence committed after the White Paper proposals become law. Mandatory minimum sen-tences for burglars: courts will be required to impose a minimum sentence of three years on an offender aged over 18 convicted of a domestic burglary who has two or more

The mandatory sentence will apply to any previous convictions for similar offences committed after the measures become law. The three previous convictions must relate to separate court appearances

previous similar convictions.

☐ Abolition of automatic early release and parole: offenders should serve the full term ordered by the court. For the first 12 months of a sentence or all of a year-long remission of six days a month.



Prisoners, including those at Pentonville, above, would have automatic early release and parole abolished under the new proposals

A prisoner sentenced to 12 months will earn maximum remission of about 212 months compared with the current automatic release after six

months. Over 12 months a prisoner will be able to earn three days a month by co-operation and a further three days a month for positive good behaviour".

The maximum earned early

release will be 20 per cent of a All offenders serving more

under supervision after their release for a minimum of three months or 15 per cent of the original prison sentence. The White Paper says that

the Government does not expect an increase in the time offenders spend in jail. The Lord Chief Justice would be expected to issue a direction to judges urging them to take into account the abolition of parole and of automatic early elease when handing down

fenders: courts would be allowed to pass a prison sentence and order immediate hospital admission.

The Government plans automatic life sentences for repeat serious offences to be in force by October 1997 and the other proposals by October

Protecting the Public The Government's strategy on Crime in England and Wales

Leading article, page 21

# Plans could mean at least 10,000 more prisoners

A MASSIVE investment in new jails will be needed to meet the 10,000 rise in the prison population in England and Wales expected from the tougher sentencing plans. It is estimated that the cost of building and running the ex-tra prisons will be about 13 billion over 25 years.

Michael Howard has won Treasury support for a mini-mum of 12 prisons to be built even though he has to find the cash for recommendations in the Learmont report on prison

He has to decide whether to act on Learmont's recommendation to build a "supermax" prison to hold 300 of the most violent criminals, and a control jail for disruptive inmates at a total cost of more than £120 million.

It is understood that cost forced the Home Secretary to scrap plans for even tougher minimum terms of five years for persistent burglars and ten years for Class A drug dealers. Last night penal reform groups condemned Mr How-

ard's plans and said that Britain was in danger of having huge numbers of people in jail or on probation. Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers. said: These proposals are more likely to reappear in the Conservatives' manifesto than on the statute book."

He questioned whether the country could afford the prisTHE COST

on-building programme and the cost of running new jails when the Government wanted to reduce public expenditure. Mr Fletcher said that there

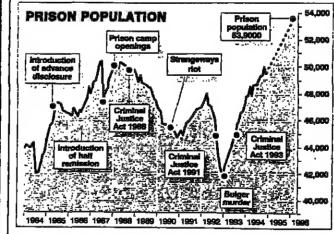
was some evidence from the United States that a huge increase in the number, o people on probation or in prison had led to a fall in crime. But he said: "At what cost? In some states they are wringing their hands at the cost of putting so many people

The 12 new jails, each holding 800 inmates, are in addi-tion to two being built at Fazakerley on Merseyside and Bridgend in Mid Glamorgan, plus four planned at Salford in Greater Manchester, Telford in Shropshire, -- Lowdham Grange near Nottingham and

northeast Essex. All the new jails will be built under the private finance initiative in which private soon companies design, build, finance and manage the prison. The taxpayer then pays the private sector an annual fee

for 25 years. There are currently 135 state and private jails in England and Wales holding 53,941 inmates compared with 183 in France holding 52,658 inmates. In Spain, Italy and Germany the prison population has risen.

It costs £23,000 a year to keep a prisoner, compared with an annual fee per pupil of £13,300 at Winchester and E12,900 at Eton.



## Bill after Bill hints at second thoughts

BY FRANCES GLBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL HOWARD'S sentencing plans risk sharing the fate of other recent criminal justice laws, becoming victims of a radical rethink shortly after reaching the

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The White Paper is the latest in a cascade of criminal justice proposals in the past six years which have seen drastic swings in sentencing policy. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, has complained that in that time there have been more Criminal Justice Acts than in the previous 60.

The biggest policy swing followed the Criminal Justice Act 1991, which ushered in means-related fines and stopped courts from taking into account more than two of an offender's previous convictions. With tight controls on the use of custody fewer people were jailed.

But in 1993 the Cabinet brought in a Criminal Justice Act allowing courts to take all previous convictions into account. Policy shifted from reserving jail for the worst

LEUTINE C offences - partly to avoid

overcrowding — to a greater use of jail with heavier terms. Paul Cavadino, chairman of the Penal Affairs Consortium, says that in 1990 a White Paper argued that prison could be "an expensive way of making bad people worse". "Yet in 1993 Michael Howard memorably told the Conservative Party that 'prison

The Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 brought in a host of tougher sentencing provisions for young offenders and tighter





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# Lords likely to defeat Home Secretary in clash over limits of judicial discretion and political power

# Judges claim Howard is on wrong side of the law

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL HOWARD'S announcement on jail terms yesterday signalled a new stage in the most public and bitter fight between ministers and judges in recent history. The proposals are almost certain to face a defeat in the House of Lords where senior judges including the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, will line up to

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, a former Conservative Lord Chancellor, has already told the Home Secretary of his concern that the plans fetter judicial discretion.

He said yesterday: "I understand what Michael Howard is trying to do. None of us wants dangerous criminals wandering around. But sentencing should be left to the

"If a sentence is thought to be too lenient, it can be challenged by an appeal by the Attorney-General to the Court of Appeal, although i appreciate the resources may be insufficient to do this more widely than now. It should not, however, be done by the executive."

Lord Hailsham added: "If you really want to reduce crime, the way to do it is improve the detection and conviction rates. After that you can consider the penalty."

initial trailing of the plans provoked an unprecedented attack from Lord Taylor, who warned that they would achieve little more than "a bonanza for prison architects". They would not deter criminals and could prompt more murders, he said. Lord Donaldson of Lymington, a former Master of the Rolls, Lord Ackner, a retired law lord, and Lord Justice Rose, a senior Court of Appeal judge, have publicly voiced their

Behind the row lies a deeper conflict over the roles of judges and ministers. The normal tension between the executive THE DEBATE

order with soft sentences. The

new proposals will fetter their

discretion and ensure sen-

tences are tougher. But the

judges point out that their

sentences are in line with the

existing statutory framework,

A second source of friction is

the power of judges to overrule

ministers' decisions in the civil

courts, Michael Howard in

particular has suffered a se-

ries of adverse rulings in

judicial reviews. Judges main-

tain they are merely applying

itself created by Parliament.

establishment.

whether a minister has acted within the powers given to and judiciary has deteriorated him by Parliament - a funcinto mistrust and a view on tion fundamental to their role both sides that their roles are of protecting the rights of an not understood or respected. individual versus the State.

But judicial review is, as The dispute is exceptional for the depth of feeling in-Lord Hailsham said, a volved and the public nature "growth industry" and inof the hostilities. The judges, creasingly judges are broadening its scope. Yesterday he according to some in the agreed it had gone too far: "I Government, are the last basdo think judicial review has tion of the liberal got a bit out of hand. I think the judges, perhaps through rulings of the House of Lords. They stand accused of undermining its fight on law and

ought to rein it back."
The judges do not want the dispute to become a constitutional clash. They are at pains to emphasise their belief in Parliament's supremacy and their willingness to apply the law. Likewise, Michael Howard is expected to keep back from telling a judge his judicial duties, as some have urged him to do. And MPs are expected to refrain from ques-

tioning judges' motives. Even so, the dispute will not die quietly. There is one extra



The proposals would fetter judges' constitutional duty to do justice in mercy on behalf of the Queen. How is a judge to perform this where a second conviction for a violent crime followed gross provoc-ation, yet a life sentence has to be imposed? Judges have been able to direct a jury that provocation provides no de-fence but is a factor taken into account when sentg. That will not be poss

ble under the proposi - Sir Frederick Lawton former Court of Appeal judge

ingredient which will fuel the personalities involved.

Mr Howard, a high-profile minister, takes personally the court overrulings and sees them as public humiliation. Some of his supporters have consequently indulged in a



We support Mr Howard's aims but his methods are wrong and unnecessary. No one wants violent offenders wandering around if they can be taken out of circulation. But this is soluble under the present sys-tem. We have the possibility of life imprisonment for rapists and for wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. If you want longer sentences, the answer is to make it easier for prosecution to appeal against over-lenient sentences.

- Lord Lane, former Lord Chief Justice

"whispering campaign" against the judges. Brian

Mawhinney, Tory party chair-

man, openly invited people to

write in complaining about

demned by Lord Donaldson

as "without precedent in my

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soft sentences.



The judiciary's independence must be safeguarded and these proposals en-erosch on that, i support the Lord Chief Justice's point acquit in the face of a certain tion rates must be improved - after that you can consider the penalty. If sentences need increasing, that should be done by the Attorney-General at the Appeal Court.

- Lord Hailsham of St Maryle-

bone, former Lord Chancellor

lifetime" which raised serious

constitutional issues. Mr

Howard's time at the Home

Office has coincided with the

chief judgeship of Lord Taylor,

the first media-friendly Lord

Chief Justice. The present

public dispute would have

been inconceivable between

they can be rehabilitated, all well and good, but if they persist in antisocial activities, security must be the first priority.

For too long we have added to

the list of innocent victims by

shiriding the responsibility of properly safeguarding the public. This White Paper seeks

to put that right. The causes of

crime are the criminal activities of a minority of citizens. They must be made to take respon-sibility for their actions. If

---Chief Superintendent Brian

Mackenzie of Durham police

#### predecessors such as, for ex-

ample, Douglas Hurd and Lord Lane. Lord Taylor makes speeches, gives interviews and does not mince his words when

roused. He is not likely to give

way quietly; and the media will be at the ringside.

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# Third strike and pizza thief is out for 25 years

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

JUST over a year ago Jerry Williams was sentenced to 25 years in prison for stealing a slice of pizza from four young boys eating their lunch on the boardwalk at a Los Angeles heach, All four testified that Williams and an unidentified companion had intimidated them before ambling down the pier and laughing at the success of this miniature theft.

Despite the apparent absurdity of the crime, the judge ed a maximum sentence. Williams, he said, was sent to ail for being more than an ntimidating 6ft 5in bully.

The warehouse packer from Los Angeles already had convictions for robbery, attempted robbery, drug possession and riding a stolen motorcycle. Under California's "three-strikes-andyou're out" law the slice of pizza was, quite literally, the

The case has become a cause célèbre in California. whose high-profile adoption of the legislation in 1994 has been used in 1,500 cases and drawn both praise and condemnation. Under the threestrikes law anyone with two "serious" or "violent" convictions can be jailed for 25 years to life for any third offence, no matter how insignificant.

Only 30 federal cases have been brought to court of which seven have been completed and 18 are pending. The American judicial system is such that fewer violent crimes are covered under federal law. It is the individual states where penalties have been most severe: 23 states have their own version of three-strikes legislation.

The conditions of the law vary enormously depending on the state. In California, 500 felonies can trigger three

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that these must relate to assault. No one in Wisconsin has been subject to the new

criminal and civil justice systems, particularly in cities.

catching the habitual offender or merely a group of minor drug users and petty thieves. The public has been sold on a notion of ridding the streets of lent predators — and le with the high cost of jailing low-level oftenders.

Walter Dickey, a professor of criminal law and former to plead the second one either. Already the courts are getting

current offence," Kathy Storton an assistant district attorney in Sacramento, said. Any discussion of three strikes has to include discussion of the person's record. These people are being pun-

Wisconsin, which has decreed

claim that many counties in California have kept backlogs to a minimum. They say the piled records that belie any contention that the new regime is aimed at offenders who are more nuisance than

ished for being recidivists."

# AMERICA

Many legal experts believe the law can only clog the local

There are also anomalies. In San Francisco, for example. the district attorney has said he will implement three strikes in only the most ex-A vociferous opposition has questioned whether the law is

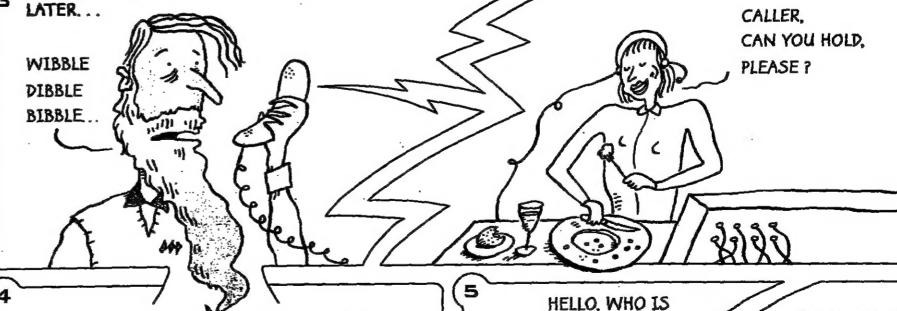
head of Wisconsin's Department of Corrections, said: "If you are a defence lawyer it's very hard to advise anyone to plead guilty to the third offence and you're not going

Proponents of the system

"You can't just look at the

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#### Addict who admitted 19 burglaries walks free

By A STAFF REPORTER

CRACK and heroin addict escaped jail yesterday after admitting 19 burglaries, two attempted burglaries and an offence of deception and theft.

David Potter, 25, of Islington, north London, had pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to one attempted burglary and one theft, asking that another 21 offences be taken into consideration.

He was sentenced at Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London, to two years' probation on each of the two counts, to run concurrently, with the condition that he attend a drug rehabilitation centre in Bristol.

Judge Timothy King had given Potter a chance before sentencing to prove he intend-

ed to give up drugs.

Martin Haukeland, for the prosecution, said that Potter had been seen trying to break into a flat in Holloway, north London, last September. The theft charge related to the shoplifting of two Kodak films, toothpaste and some face cream from a chemist's.

Mourners could not keep up

# Hearse in a hurry was only trying to meet its deadline

squabbles over memorials MOURNERS should no longer expect a hearse to be driven also featured in his first reat a respectful speed or even port, published yesterday. Only five complaints required stick to the 30mph limit, the a full investigation and Mr funeral ombudsman said yes-Woodroffe upheld all of them. terday. It was acceptable to Compensation averaged less drive at more than 40mph than £1,000, "reflecting both the difficulty of placing a and to go through amber traffic lights, even though the financial value on mental bereaved could not keep up. distress and my own desire to reserve the maximum of

"The days when a cortege travelled at a slow, respectful pace have long passed," Geof-frey Woodroffe, the ombuds-man, said, "If the hearse £5,000 for horrific cases". He did not award compensation every time. In one case the ashes of a person cremated exceeded the speed limit by a few miles per hour and occaat one cemetery were posted sionally drove through an by a funeral director and were delivered too late for a ceremo-ny planned at a different crematorium a week later. The amber light ... such behaviour would be commonplace in large cities and consistent with the drivers' wish to reach undertaker apologised and promised not to send ashes the crematorium on time. through the post in future. The Although the police might be interested and perhaps a

Funeral Ombudsman Scheme

since it was set up in May

1994. Mislaid ashes, poorly

laid-out bodies and family

criminal offence was commitwith that result. ted. I consider from a contrac-In the case of the speeding tual point of view the driver hearse, the bereaved family made six separate complaints. did carry out his duties with Relatives said they were never reasonable care and skill." shown a list of charges and He was commenting on one booked a more expensive creof the 96 cases referred to the

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mation than they needed. One of the family who managed to keep up with the hearse tried to delay the ceremony and was told by the funeral director that the mourners would have kept pace if professional drivers had been hired.

One elderly disabled mourner arrived late and was not allowed to park near the chapel. When, using a walking frame, she reached the chapel she was sent to a service for someone else with the same name. Afterwards there was no one available to tell mourners where the flowers from the coffin had been

The ombudsman accepted some but not all of those complaints, awarded £345 and told the family to pay the outstanding bill of £815, which the undertakers had originally offered to waive. The ombudsman did not believe the company was responsible for the distress of the disabled mourner, who seemed to have been confused by a coincidence over surnames.

The report said that 38 per cent of complaints, including many of the more serious ones, concerned companies that had not become members of the scheme.



Teddy Corbett-Winder in his home-made chipboard coffin. He died last week

# Activist departs on the cheap

devoted his life to a campaign for cheaper funerals was planning his cut-price cremation

Teddy Corbett-Winder, 79. slept with a home-made coffin under his bed and left instruc-tions to his family to bury him as cheaply as possible. His ashes will be put in a card-board box after his cremation to save buying an urn. Mr Corbett-Winder, who

died last week, held a party in

1988 to celebrate the completion of his chipboard coffin. His family has complied with a law that coffins must carry a plaque with the body's full

plastic with stencilled writing. The coffin was driven from his home in Exeter to the mortuary in a builder's van. The vicar is not charging for the service. Flowers will be cut from a garden and the coffin will be driven to the crematorium in an estate car.

name by affixing a piece of

about £200.

Mr Corbett-Winder began his campaign after working for Age Concern and seeing old people's lears about funeral costs. His daughter, Margaret Rickard, said: "He died in hospital, which threw his plans slightly. He thought he would die in his own bed and the original idea was to be tipped straight into his coffin. He used to keep his dirty washing in it."

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# Shoppers are duped by list of ingredients

CONSUMERS are being duped in shops, pubs and restaurants by increasingly sophisticated food adulteration techniques, the Consumers' Association says.

A host of examples of food producers skimping on expensive ingredients, substituting cheaper ones, or using misleading labelling are cited in the association's April issue of Which? magazine today.

The magazine reveals that in four government surveys by a working party on food authenticity, of which the association is a member. 95 out of 874 samples of breaded scampi, battered and breaded fish, instant coffee and vegetable oil were illegally adulterated or falsely described. Fifty of 344 instant coffee samples tested contained ingredients which did not originate from

The magazine says: "En-forcement officers have been notified, and in the case of coffee, a code of practice has been introduced ... but there are still plenty of other food problems to worry about."

The magazine cites cheese substitute, made from skimmed milk and vegetable oil. Durham trading standards officers found that, in ten out of II pizzas from pizza houses and two out of six sandwiches from garage shops, between 19 and 95 per cent of the "cheese"

In Sheffield 13 out of 54 samples of minced beef contained other meats such as pork and lamb. The public analyst who made this discovery also found allegedly halal minced meat containing pork, which led to a £15,000 fine.

A Sheffield public analyst who bought 16 fresh turkeys in the run-up to last Christmas

found that five had been

frozen. They were being sold for twice the price of frozen turkeys and could have been a health hazard, Which? says.

West of England trading standards officers found that 114 out of 221 sandwiches were wrongly labelled, mostly to give misleading information about ingredients. A "ham" sandwich contained pork shoulder, while a "beef" sandwich had reformed meat.

In Surrey a survey of fast food restaurants found that only two out of II chicken nugget meals were made with whole chicken. The rest, consisting of chopped chicken mixed with ingredients such as hydrogenated vegetable protein, contained 42 to 65 per cent chicken.

Gaps in the laws about food content and labelling often mean customers are misled. Which? says. Ham used to be cured meat from the hind leg. but can now contain a mixture of pork meat, fat and water. Scampi, once the whole tail meat from one fish, can now be the reformed tailpieces of several smaller fish, but should be labelled reformed scampi". A survey in Derby-shire found that 35 out of 50 restaurants and pubs selling scampi were using reformed

fish without saying so. Bacon has only to be la belled with the amount by which added water exceeds 10 per cent of the weight. Thus bacon said to contain "not more than 15 per cent added water" can legally contain up to 25 per cent. Under British law "meat"

can include fat, skin, rind, gristle and sinew, and though the law requires British-made burgers to contain 80 per cent meat, a burger imported from Ireland can contain a minimum of 40 per cent meat.

### New life for oldest Kids on the block

By ROBIN YOUNG

TWO children who started life as poor street urchins yearning for a good meal look like making a comeback on the Nineties gravy train. Image-makers have been asked to consider a fresh look

for the Bisto Kids. Originally drawn by the artist Will Owen in 1916, they have been redesigned down the years, usually keeping an old-fashioned look although in 1976 they wore flares. They have not appeared in TV commercials for ten years, but remain on the packaging of

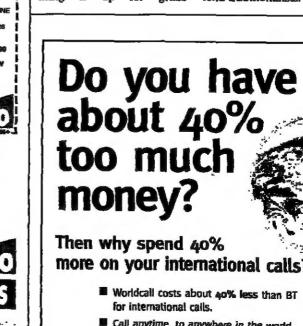
Bisto gravy powder.

Now the Bisto Foods company has ordered a review of its image, and told its advertising agency. Abbot Mead Vickers, to come up with new ideas for the Kids and the slogan "Ah Bisto". The company said it regarded them and the aroma trail passing beneath their upturned noses as "very strong ciphers" asso-ciated with the brand, and denied any intention of dispensing with their services. ian Ayling, marketing controller, said yesterday: "Everything is up for grabs



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including how we use the Bisto Kids." Recent TV adverts have concentrated on the Bisto Best product, with lingering shots of gravy poured over tradi-tional Sunday dinners. An advertising insider warned yesterday: "It might be better to drop the Bisto Kids rather than try to make them up to date. If they appear with backto-front baseball caps and trainers it will probably offend traditionalists."



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# Clarke gives way to pressure for referendum pledge

By Nicholas Wood and Jill Sherman

try this on again." Another sceptic said: "Ken was faced

down by the Prime Minister."

conference. Mr Clarke insist-

ed that he was "comfortable"

with the decision to back a

referendum because, at the

next election, the Tories would

not seek a mandate for any

particular view on a single

currency. But he hinted at the

fierce behind-the-scenes battle

with the Prime Minister by

not specifically denying sug-

gestions that he had thought

of resigning in protest. He said: We have reached

a collective decision. I have not

changed my well-known views on referenda. But in the

circumstances of this case, I

have accepted the collective

decision that because there

would be no mandate at the

next election, we would have a

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we would follow the ordinary

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At a Central Office press

KENNETH CLARKE reluctantly bowed to pressure from the Prime Minister and most of the Cabinet yesterday and accepted that a referendum would be held before any decision to join a single European currency.

After weeks of painstaking negotiation with his Chancellor. John Major finally broke the deadlock at a 45-minute meeting of the Cabinet yesterday. He issued a statement saying that his Government had decided that the next Tory election manifesto would promise that British people would have the final say over any attempt to replace the pound with the euro. But Mr Clarke had the

comfort of a number of facesaving measures designed to meet some of his concerns and bridge the gulf between the rival factions in the Tory party. Critically, the Cabinet confirmed that the next election manifesto would leave open the question of whether. in the next Parliament, a Tory government would sign up to economic and monetary union. This decision dashed lingering hopes on the Tory Right that Mr Major might yet be persuaded to fight the election on a hard-line sceptic ricket and rule out the euro

until 2002. Mr Clarke was also reassured by a promise that if the Cabinet backed a single currency - most probably in 1948 - ministers would have to resign if they wanted to campaign for a No vote in a referendum. A further commitment that the referendum pledge would apply only for the lifetime of the next Parliament made it easier for the Chancellor to back down.

Any Cabinet decision to embrace the curo would be followed by legislation making the necessary changes and including provision for a referendum. Il Parliament voted for the Bill. a referendum would be the final hurdle.

Any referendum would be decided by a simple majority of those voting and the question would be a simple Yes/No to a question along the lines of: Should the UK take part in single European currency as from January I, 1999,-

Senior Labour officials said that Tony Blair would not be bounced into making a quick decision on a referendum. Policy remained that the people would be consulted either through a referendum or through a general election.

The Labour leader does not plan further clarification until much nearer the general election. The early manifesto paper on which all party members will be halloted this autumn will not include a decision on a referendum. Tory MPs backed the Cabi-

net's decision, although the most implacable sceptics protested at the failure to close off the option of joining a single currency for another five years and demanded a wider referendum covering all aspects of Britain's role in Europe.

One rightwinger pointed out that Mr Clarke's bluff had been called after his resignation threat and he would never be able to use it again. "The Prime Minister is now in a much stronger position on the inter-governmental confer-

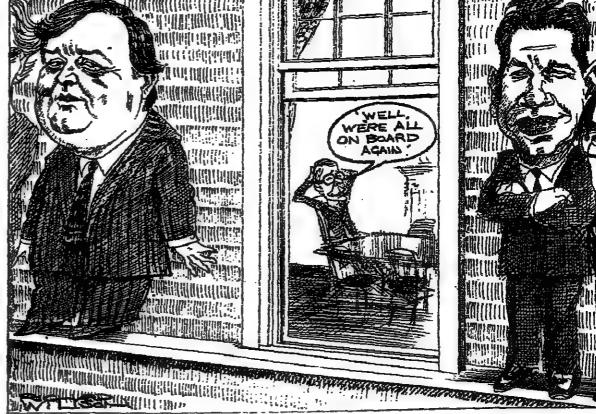
#### **Pro-Europe** Tories have come out the winners

The chances of British participa-tion in a European single currency have been made more rather than less, likely as a result of yesterday's carefully crafted compromise on a referendum. The terms give the pro-Europeans all that they can realistically have sought, and concede little to the scepties, and nothing to Sir James Goldsmith and his allies.

John Major has yet again shown his skills as a manager of his Cabinet. In more than five years of turbulence in the Tory party, he has not lost a single Cabinet minister over Europe. This is because he has brought along his ministers at each stage. In this case. Mr Major waited — and did not send out Malcolm Rifkind's paper - until he was sure Mr Clarke was on board. The only Cabinet resignation he has faced on a political issue was that of John Redwood last June over the leadership election, on which he had not been consulted.

Admittedly, Mr Clarke looked uncomfortable at yesterday's news conference. He was unusually evasive about his personal position, saying: "In the case of these circumstances I accepted a collective decision." He made plain how narrow the terms were on which he had supported a referendum. This was solely because at the time of the general election, no one will know for certain whether a single currency will go ahead at all in the next Parliament, let alone whether Britain will join. Hence it is solely because the Government would not have a mandate one way or another on the issue that he has supported a referendum, not because it is an

important decision. Moreover. Mr Clarke and the pro-



Europeans have safeguarded three key points — first, the existing policy of leaving open whether Britain joins any single currency in the next Parliament or later stands (and this will not alter before the election, as Malcoim Rifkind made clear); second. the whole Cabinet will have to stand behind any eventual decision and there will be no repetition of the Wilson Cabinet's "agreement to differ and suspension of collective responsibility over the 1975 referendum: and third, any ballot would come after a decision had been taken by the Government and after MPs had voted

on the consequent legislation. Moreover, the Government wants to avoid the extra hurdle which was introduced into the 1977-78 legislation on Scottish and Welsh devoluation by George Cunningham that 40 per cent

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of those on the electoral roll should vote in favour, as well as a majority of those voting. This scuppered Scottish devolution, even though a majority of Scots voted in favour. Mr Rifkind insisted that a simple majority of those voting would be taken as confirmation of Parliament's decision.

It is still highly unlikely that a reelected Tory Government would enter single currency from the start because of the strength of internal opposition and likely Cabinet resignations. But if a German-French core monetary union were successful, there might be strong business and market pressure on the Government to join.

The new Tory position is similar to.

the Labour one of promising to consult the British people either at a general election or via a referendum. Similar, but not identical, since some Labour backers of a single currency believe that the current policy of supporting British participation if the economi conditions are right could be seen as a mandate if Labour won an election with that in its manifesto. In practice, it would not be sufficient. Labour divisions would force the promise of a referendum, probably on the same terms as the Major Cabinet has agreed. And as Lord Howe of Aberavon said yesterday, "pro-Europeans have little to fear from a referendum on the terms now agreed: as in 1975 any government advocating a yes vote would be well placed to win".

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## Minister challenges Brussels spending

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

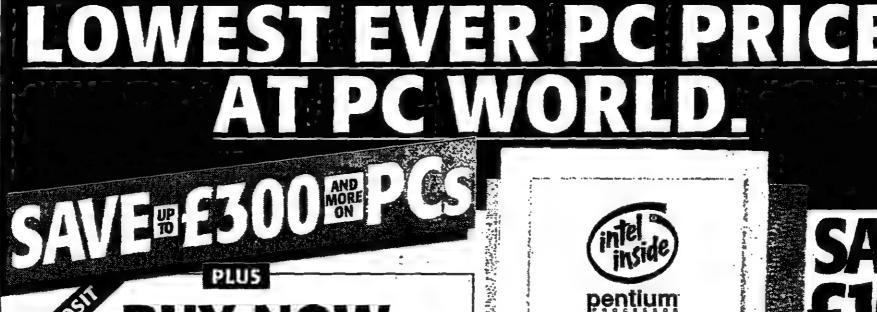
legal challenge yesterday against a decision by the European Commission to launch a spending campaign without the permission of memoer states.

The Social Security Secretary said that the Commission had exceeded its authority and that Britain would fight the campaign, which is aimed at relieving poverty. Officials said that the challenge amounted to a test case against "high-handedness" by the Commission.

British and German ministers blocked a plan to spend £100 million on schemes including one for the teaching of

PETER LILLEY mounted a computer games and internet activities in Manchester and another for a debt advice service in Wandsworth, south London. Although that plan was dropped, ministers believe that a new spending programme is aimed at introducing the same activities

under a different guise. Mr Lilley will take its case to the European Court of Justice. He said: "The challenge is not aimed at stopping sensibly planned funding in support of disadvantaged people. The EC has not provided a legal justification for these particular expenditure plans made without the approval of the Council of Ministers."



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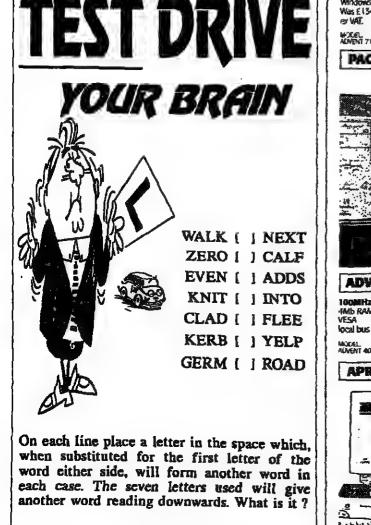
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# Pentagon fails to find proof of Gulf War syndrome

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A STUDY of nearly 19,000 Americans who suffered a variety of illnesses after serving in the Gulf conflict found no evidence of a single cause of Gulf War syndrome.

The Pentagon said its medical teams uncovered no previously unknown serious illness unique to the Gulf War and no common underlying cause for the broad range of medical problems was reported.

Stephen Joseph, Assistant Secretary of Defence for health, said that, while the exhaustive two-year study was definitive, it was "not a final answer" and research would

The troops sent to the Gulf after Iraq invaded Kuwait suffered from a "complex mosaic of diseases", some of which could be traced to being n an extremely stressful and dangerous environment. Others suffered from maladies that resembled those in the civilian population and would

have become ill even if they had stayed home. Nearly one-fifth of those studied had psychological problems. Another fifth had ill-defined ailments, a "grab-bag" of symptoms that did not point to a specific cause or diagnosis. A similar number had muscular or skeletal prob-

lems, one in ten was found to be healthy, and the remainder had conditions involving the nervous system, skin disease, digestion and breathing.

In only a few cases were the symptoms found so serious that patients were unable to work. The results were consistent with preliminary Penta-gon reports released during

the early stages of the survey. The study was initiated to deal with the belief, still persistent among many veterans, that they suffer from a mystery disease that could possibly have come from a parasite in the region or from exposure to chemical or biological

Dr Joseph said the study found only 32 cases linked to a parasite that was initially suspected as a cause of the syndrome. Few of the other diagnoses would have been expected to result from chemical or biological warfare, he said. He added that the Pentagon would continue to provide services to Gulf War veterans.

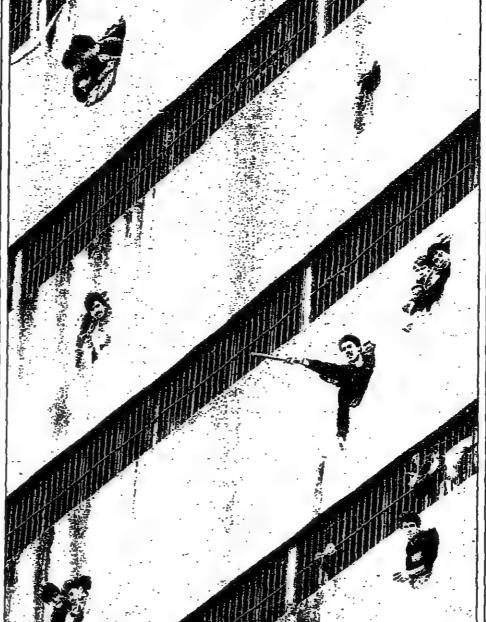
Medical teams did confirm finding many of the complaints that have come to be lumped together as associated with the syndrome among the 18.929 Gulf War veterans who registered to be tested. The most common were joint pains, fatigue, headache, memory loss, sleep loss, rash In addition to the Pentagon

survey, earlier examinations of 57,500 former members of the America forces by the Department of Veterans' Affairs also found no pattern to indicate that the Gulf War had produced a mystery disease.

Sceptics are not convinced. Richard Haines, a former major who runs an activist group for veterans, has argued that about 100,000 of them were exposed to toxic substances that have left them with conditions of chemical sensitivity, chronic fatigue and dysfunction of their immune

Mr Haines's group main-tains that Gulf War syndrome causes delayed and multiple disorders and sets up various allergies which would explain why no single cause or symptoms have emerged.
President Clinton has taken

a personal interest in the medical worries of Gulf War veterans. As a result, the Pentagon changed tack from tending to dismiss their complaints to setting up the largest medical evaluations of their kind ever undertaken, at a cost of more than \$80 million (£53



Immates protest at Caseros prison in Buenos Aires, one of five Argentine jails where prisoners are demanding better conditions. There were reports of 17 people killed at the Sierra Chica prison, where a woman judge was among 12 hostages

# US lobby presses for free electoral broadcasts on TV

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

A GLITTERING cast of politicians, journalists and entertainers is spearheading efforts to persuade American networks to adopt the British approach and offer free airtime to presidential candidates before November's

Following the lead of Rupert Murdoch, the chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of The Times, a group of celebrities is asking the three big broadcasters to grant two to five minutes each night for the last month of campaigning.

Five former network pre-senters, including Walter Cronkite, have joined forces with four senators, five former party chairmen, the actors Alec Baldwin and Christopher Reeve, and others, to sign an open letter to ABC, CBS and NBC. The letter, which the group plans to run as a fullpage advertisement in The New York Times later this month, highlights the advantages of a political platform free of the negative advertisements that have left an American public exasperated during the early primary season.

"We call on the television networks to offer free primetime air-time to the candidates for use in straightforward 'talking head' presentations," the letter said.
"No tricky images. No unseen narrators. No journalists. No surrogates. Just the candidates making their best case to the biggest audience America assembles every night ... no other relatively small change offers much promise of raising of campaign

Paul Taylor, a former corr-

espondent for The Washing-ton Post, has organised the group and raised more than \$70,000 (£45,000) to pay for the advertisement. He has also approached three former presidents - Jimmy Carter. Gerald Ford and George Bush to seek their support.

"It's an idea whose time has come," he said. "The way the conversation has been held, with 30-second attack ads and brief sound bites, the public has become more and more dissatisfied."

The idea was put forward by Mr Murdoch in Washington two months ago when he offered free broadcast time on his Fox Television network as one means of removing the "cancer" of big money from American politics. Mr Murdech also said Fox would ask the candidates to prepare oneminute videos explaining their position on the ten issues of most importance to the American people, to be screened during special breaks on Fox in the month before the poll.

Mr Murdoch offered additional half-hour slots of free television time for the candidates to explain their positions, provided the other networks transmitted the same political programmes simultaneously. ideas, he said, were based on the British example.

At the time Mr Murdoch was doubtful whether the other networks would follow Fox's lead and there was no certainty yesterday that this might happen. Mr Taylor said his suggestion to network executives, who would be forced to lose millions of dollars in advertising, had met only a lukewarm response.

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#### Call to bar high-speed police chase

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FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

AMERICAN civil rights groups are demanding new aws to curb police who turn violent after high-speed chases as the FBI launches an investigation into the beating of two illegal immigrants. Leticia González and Enrique Funes. Their beating, filmed by a television crew, prompted international outrage.
The American Civil Liber-

ties Union, calling the case an example of "high-speed pursuit syndrome" — when police become blinded with rage want laws to control it. Only the most hard-hearted

could not feel for Señora Gonzalez yesterday. Desperate for work, the Mexican left two children and risked arrest with her illegal entry, only to end up in hospital.

### Red-light district takes to the road

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK prostitutes have mobilised. In a redefinition of the world's oldest profession, "street walkers" have started to drive around Manhattan looking for business.

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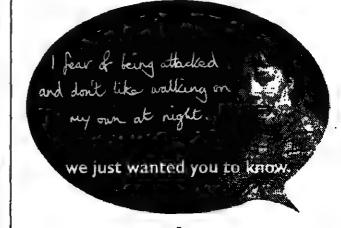
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Nowadays prostitutes are likely to try to catch the attention of potential clients by winding down the passenger window and cooing to fellow motorists at traffic lights. The practice has led to congestion at crossmads in midtown Manhattan.

Captain Thomas Lawrence commander of New York City's 10th Precinct, said the women have taken to the road to avoid the police officers who patrol urban areas on foot. The police may have to revise their tactics. "They're mobile and you have to be mobile as well," said Captain Lawrence.

There are reports of carloads of prostitutes touring the streets in newish saloon cars, often rented from out-ofstate hire firms. Any male motorist who innocently draws up at a red traffic light and casts a sideways look at the neighbouring vehicle may find his glance reciprocated with blown kisses, mascaraladen winks and indications of cleavage. Male pedestrians have also been prey to such displays.
A New York Daily News

reporter described a woman in a 1996 Dodge sedan who hissed at him through her window at some traffic lights near the Plaza Hotel. When he looked at her she asked if he was "looking for fun".





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# Former SS captain defends massacre of Rome captives

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"I am innocent." Erich
Priebke was quoted as saying
by a lawyer who attended the
closed-door committal hearing. Attorneys said the former
German officer had blamed
Italian partisans for provoking the SS massacre of 335
men and boys. 75 of them
Jews, in the Ardeatine caves
outside Rome in March 1944.

"The real culprits are the killers of Via Rasella," he was quoted as saying — a reference to the killing of 33 German soldiers by Italian partisans in a Rome street on March 23, 1944, during the Nazi occupation of the Italian capital. "If they hadn't been killed, then there never would have been the retaliation at the Ardeatine caves," Herr Priebke. \$2, said. The \$5 retaliated the next day by rounding up the massacre victims from Regina

Cocli prison, the SS headquarters in Rome, and their own homes and driving them to the caves. There they were shot in the back of the head in groups of five kneeling on corpses. The SS had ordered ten Italians to be killed for every German victim, although in the end an extra five were shot.

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"I'm sorry for what happened. I've lived all this time with it weighing on my heart, but it was a legitimate reprisal." Herr Priebke was quoted as saying. "The order came directly from the Führer and if it wasn't obeyed immediately,

Priebke: shot two of the victims himself

we would have been killed," he said. "It's a terrible thing to think about it now, but at the time there was nothing else to do."

Herr Priebke spoke for the first time in court since he was extradited last November to Italy from Argentina, where he had lived openly since 1948. The military court judge,

The military court judge, Giuseppe Mazzi, is examining the evidence before deciding whether to commit Herr Priebke to trial for war crimes.

Attorneys who spoke to reporters during a break in the hearing said Herr Priebke repeated his defence that he was following orders when he drew up a list of Italians to be killed, and personally killed several victims. "I shot two people like every official was obliged to do," he was quoted as saying.

At the end of his questioning, lawyers said Herr Priebke was granted a request to read a statement. In this, he said he had never held anti-Semitic views and added that his wife's best friend was Jewish. The statement prompted angry shouts from victims' relatives at the hearing.



A group of Croats released by the Serbs cross the River Sava southeast of Zagreb to freedom. Croatia had earlier released 15 Serbs

# UN sets Bosnian total of missing at 27,000

By Peter Capella in geneva and Our Foreign Staff

ABOUT 27,000 people are unaccounted for and probably dead after the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and most of them are cases of "ethnic cleansing", the United Nations envoy responsible for tracing missing people in form presenting his regard to the

After presenting his report to the UN's Human Rights Commission, Manfred Nowak said that most of the killings were carried out in the days

and weeks following the seizure of towns and villages, when direct military confrontation had ceased. "The clear majority are cases of ethnic cleansing, which has nothing to do

with armed conflict." he said.

In his report, Mr Nowak said that about 3,000 more people were missing in Croatia. He added that most of the estimated 30,000 who have to be traced are likely to be found in about 350 mass graves, holding anything from three to 1,000 bodies. Most of the graves in Bosnia are near Prijedor, Sanski Most and Srebrenica. The envoy criticised

Befgrade for not allowing him into Yugoslavia, which has always deried that its national army was involved in the Bosnian fighting.

Mr Nowak, who is working with the International War Crimes Tribumal and the International Committee of the Red Cross, said he hopes that excavations would begin before spring is over. But the envoy gave a warning that that there is not enough money to start the operation, now entering a critical phase. He launched an appeal for a voluntary fund of \$1 million (£666,000) and for countries to supply

specialists to start excavating mass graves and carry out forensic research. Mr Nowak indicated that some European and Islamic countries were prepared to finance the operation, if it received explicit backing from the 53member Human Rights Commission

currently meeting in Geneva.

The International Committee of the Red Cross yesterday criticised the failure of all sides to release all prisoners of war. The criticism came after the Serbs freed only four people on Monday, followed by seven more yesterday. Croatia released 15 Serbs.





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# Murder ruling in Solar cult inquiry

By Richard Cleroux In Ottawa AND Our Foreign Staff

THE Swiss judge leading the inquiry into the deaths of 54 members of the Order of the Solar Temple cult in 1994 said yesterday that all but 15 had

been effectively murdered.

André Piller said there was no evidence that any killer or witness had survived the fires in two Swiss villages and the Morin Heights ski resort in Ousbeen

Quebec.

The Quebec Government ordered an Investigation yesterday into allegations that the Solar Temple cult had infiltrated the middle management of Hydro-Quebec, the publicly owned electric utility. Michel Cote, a former employee, alleges in a wrongful dismissal suit filed in a Montreal court this week that he was sacked after refusing

to join the cult.

Cult members are taught that the world will end in fire and that to pass into the afterworld they must die violently by burning.

#### Putting the 'gay' back in Paree

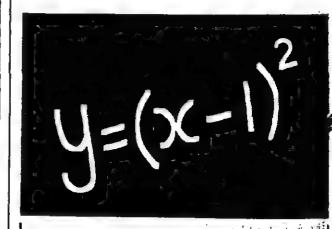
FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

A FILM about drag queens is proving to be one of the hits of the year in France, illustrating the country's sudden fascination with all things camp.

Pédale Douce (Gentle Queer), brought out at the ent of last month, met with hostility from the critics. Despite a fine performance by Fanny Ardant as the friend and "alibi" of a businessman who does not want to disclose his homosexuality, the movie was panned. Yet last week it drew 112,000 speciators, a hig score for a French film.

Since the success last year of Gazon Maudit, about a lesbian, homosexuality has been high on the French agenda and so has cross-dressing. Many television documentaries have devoted lengthy programmes to drag queens.

The duo, Les Sister Queens, have been appearing regularly on variety shows. Pédale Douce is merely drawing a public whose appetite has already been sharpened.

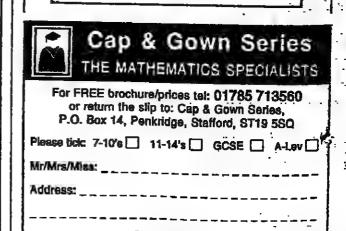


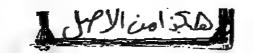
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# Major's visit to signal backing for free Kiev

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

IOHN MAJOR will spend a Union caused widespread unday in Ukraine before arriving ease in the former Soviet in Moscow for the nuclear republics. The subsequent desafety summit in a fortnight's cision by Russia and Beloruslime. His talks in Kiev are intended as a signal to those in sia to set up a new, closer Commonwealth of Sovereign Moscow calling for a reconsti-Republics has also increased intion of the Soviet Union that the political pressure on Kiev. Britain is committed to a free Britain regards the indepenand prosperous Ukraine. dence of Ukraine as a vital test The Prime Minister's visit of Russian intentions; any comes after the Duma vote for attempt to reincorporate the restoration of the Soviet

Union of Soviet

attempt to rebuild the Russian Political and material sup-

port will also be given to Kiev in an unusual joint visit planned by Malcolm Rifkind. the Foreign Secretary, and his German opposite number, Klaus Kinkel. They may hold joint talks with President Kuchma as early as next month. The only other such Anglo-German initiative was

a joint visit to Turkey by Herr Kinkel and Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, in

Mr Rifkind visited Ukraine soon after becoming Foreign Secretary, giving his first over-seas speech in Kiev. Mr Major will also have talks with President Kuchma, and will underline the Government's determination to boost British exports to, and investment in, Ukraine - now lagging far behind those of Germany, France and Italy. He will also signal British support for the embattled Government's belated economic reforms, and urge Kiev to pass laws protecting foreign investment.

Mr Major's visit, immed-

iately after a one-day trip to the Czech Republic, will be his first to Kiev. He will be the only participant in the Moscow summit to go there on the way to Russia, underlining Britain's determination to bolster pro-Western policies in Ukraine and repair the strained relations Kiev had with most Western countries during the first three years of



Youths in Gomel, Belorussia, among thousands who protested at the merger between their republic and Russia

independence. His visit assumes added significance after President Yeltsin again cancelled a planned visit to Kiev - the sixth time the Russian leader has failed to keep his promise to finalise agreement on dividing the

overall relations with the former Soviet republic. A key issue for the West and Ukraine is Nato expansion. Nato proposals to open talks with Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic initially worried Ukraine, which insists it

is non-aligned. The vehement

Russian opposition has softened this opposition to Nato expansion, but Kiev does not want to be a buffer in a confrontation between Nato troops on its Polish border and strengthened Russian forces in the north. Mr Major will also discuss nuclear safety and

Western aid to shut down all the Chernobyl reactors.

Mr Kuchma will join the leaders of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations on the second day of their Moscow summit on April 20.

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#### Chechen village bombed by Russians

PROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCHW

RUSSIAN aircraft bombed a village in western Chechenia yesterday, giving the lie to a statement by the Russian Deience Minister that all fighting had stopped.

Villagers fleeing Shalazhi were reported to have said that they had escaped in the night after Russian bombers had destroyed at least 20 nouses, wounding dozens of people. One resident said that half of the village has been ullestroyed". Another said she just managed to run away barefoot before her house was

1e block

destroyed. Shalazhi is one of many Chechen villages that have signed "peace agreements" in the past few weeks in the hope of being spared the fighting. The Russian commander in Chechenia apologised last week to another of the signatory villages, Katyr-Yurt, after it

In the same region, the scene of some of the worst fighting of the Chechenia war. it was reported that artillery could be heard through the night near the rebel village of Bamut, a former missile base. In Moscow, General Pavel

Grachev, the Defence Minister, said "no military operations have been conducted since yesterday. Everything has been suspended". He said the ceasefire announced on Sunday by President Yeltsin, which forms the central plank of his new peace plan, was still holding. Yesterday's fighting suggests that the peace plan may be a smokescreen for fighting to continue. Ending war, or at least being seen end it, is one of Mr Yeltsin's highest priorities for his June re-election campaign.





Ukraine would be seen as an

Hayden: Chinese are 'racial supremacists'

# in Asia accused of racism

Mahathir Mohamed, the Malaysian Prime Minister, administered a policy "which means racial discrimination against the Chinese in that country in education and employment opportunity. The Indians in that country are

rass John Howard, the newly Government pledged to improve relations with Asia. Alexander Downer, the Foreign Minister, who is to tour Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand next month, said last night that Mr Hayden's comments were not the view of the



# Countries

BILL HAYDEN, Australia's recently retired Governor-General, was last night at the centre of a diplomatic row countries of being racist.

Mr Hayden, publicising his autobiography in a radio interview, said: "If you want to see racism, racial intolerance, look at some of our neighbours, neighbouring Asian countries." He went on to describe the Chinese as racial supremacists and the Japanese as racial exclusiv-

Mr Hayden said that Dr largely dirt poor."

The remarks will embar

Government.

China "weak": China has such poor military equipment that it cannot be sure of sfully attacking any of its neighbours, including Taiwan, according to an Australian Government report released yesterday. (AFP)

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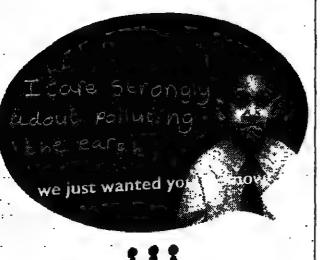
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# South Africa sends neo-Nazi bombers to jail for 26 years

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

Movement (AWB) were each sentenced to an effective 26 years' imprisonment yesterday for their roles in a bombing campaign by the movement shortly before the first democratic elections in

Twenty people were killed and nearly 200 injured in and around Johannesburg during the offensive, which was aimed at disrupting the poll. One victim was Simon Walker, a staff photographer of The Times, who was seriously hurt when a device exploded in central Johannesburg and blew up his rented car.

The public benches of the Rand Supreme Court in central Johannesburg were packed yesterday by AWB members in military-style camouflage fatigues as Mr

FIVE leaders of South Africa's Justice Monus Fleming delivneo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance ered sentences on ten men in the dock. Their revolver holsters were empty because they had to hand over their firearms on entering the court

Four other AWB members convicted with the other ten last Friday were not in court. They escaped from the highsecurity Diepkloof prison out-side Johannesburg last month and the judge said he would sentence them when they were recaptured.

Abraham Fourie, Johannes Venter, Jaco Nel, Petrus Steyn and Gerhardus Fourie, described by the judge as ringleaders of the bomb campaign, were each jailed for 20 years for murder, ten years for attempted murder and six years for damage to property, the sentences to run concurrently. Under South Afri-

can law long-term prisoners may, at the discretion of the prisons commissioner, be released on parole after serving a third of their sentences.

Various forms of amnesty have resulted in the release of thousands of people detained for so-called political crimes during the past six years. But a leading Johannesburg lawyer said last night that he did not believe the AWB men would be shown mercy. Five other men involved in

the bombing campaign before the multi-racial elections were sentenced to between five years and 42 months' imprisonment, partly suspended, for stealing cars used in the attacks and illegal possession of arms and explosives.

Eugene Terre Blanche, the bearded AWB leader, was in the court, flanked by bodyguards of the movement's

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Eugene Terre'Blanche, the Afrikaner Resistance Movement leader, leaves the court flanked by bodyguards

Ystergarde (Iron Guard) who parade in all-black fatigues rather than the camouflage of its rank and file.

He was once a bodyguard himself in a police unit protect-ing the former President and Prime Minister, John Vorster, but yesterday he appeared

car outside while about 200 black demonstrators booed. He said he would comment on the sentences at an AWB rally later in Pretoria.

It was left to Fred Rundle. the AWB's spokesman, to deliver the predictable outburst. He said the sentences were too harsh and would

increase the anger of white rightwingers. "We are heading for civil war," he pro-claimed. "We are sitting on a powder keg which is begging

Among those listening to the outburst on the court steps

Terre Blanche being driven off, he said: "The AWB's senior leaders should also have stood trial. They must have known what was going

National Congress election candidate, was killed by the bomb that seriously injured Mr Walker. As he watched Mr

managed by the Sheraton hotel group which will protrude above the tree line. Ministers desert Rao before poll Delhi: The resignation of two

ministers dealt a blow to the Congress Party of P. V. Narasimha Rao, the Indian Prime Minister, before this month's general elections. P. Chidambaram, the Commerce Minist ter and architect of India's free-market programme, and M. Arunachalam, the junior Industry Minister, quit in protest over Mr Rao's poll alliance with actress Jayalalitha
Jayaram's AIADMK party in
Tamil Nadu. (Reuter)

ignored

ernment yesterday dismissed

international appeals for a halt to the building of more

hotels and tourist facilities

around the Victoria Falls (Jan

The waterfall is a popular

tourist destination, but in re-

cent years there have been

warnings that further comm-

ercialisation will kill off its

attractions. The town has li

hotels, but another four are

planned, including one to be

Raath writes).

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New Japanese liberal party

Tokyo: Emerging leaders from Japan's ruling and oppo-sition camps intend to draw up to 50 MPs into a new liberal party in June. Hajime Funada, associate chairman o. the opposition New Frontier Party, said after meeting Yukio Hatoyama, leader of the New Party Sakigake, the rul ing coalition's smallest group "We share the view we wil need a new party." (AFP)

Blind driver seen at last

Madrid: José Pinto, 95 pe cent blind, who has driven to work for three years, naviga ing seven miles of traffic b avoiding shadows. was as rested after a tip-off by hi employer. Spain's national blind organisation. Polic stopped him last year for no having a licence but failed to notice his poor vision. (AP)

Foetus shock for woman of 62

São Paulo: A 62-year-old Bra zilian woman who com plained of stomach pain: discovered she was carrying the skeleton of a foetus con ceived outside her womb up to 15 years ago, a surgeon said She went through her meno pause ten years ago. (Reuter)

## Kenya opposition self-destructs in violent clashes

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

KENYA'S leading opposition parties are on the verge of collapse after days of violent clashes and leadership squabbles, leaving President Moi to rule unchallenged.

The Forum for the Restoration of Democracy-Asili and the Forum for the Restoration of Democracy-Kenya have self-destructed and left little prospect of a viable challenge to Mr Moi in the next general election which must be called

by 1997. The two forums split from one another along tribal lines in the run-up to Kenya's first multi-party elections in 1992. after more than 20 years of one-party rule, handing the election to Mr Mol. The two parties have fractured further after controversial intra-party elections which have left the Asili forum so divided that it has two national executive committees, and two sets of branch officials across the

Meanwhile, elections inside the Kenva forum have driven an irrevocable wedge between Michael Warnalwa, the parliamentary leader of the opposition, and his party rival, Raila Odinga. The polls, insiders said would have to be rerun in at least ten areas. including the capital. Nairobi. and Mombasa, where the returning officer was taken to hospital after rival factions

threw stones at each other and the bishop acting as returning officer resigned in disgust at

Potential voters, and Weston Mr Mol to allow political pluralism, have been further alienated by Kenneth Matiba, the Asili forum's chairman, who has twice declared that he wants whites and Asians expelled from the former British colony. Mr Matiba suffered two

strokes while in detention in the early 1990s after walking out of Mr Moi's Cabinet to form an underground opposition. Since his illness he has developed a reputation for extreme egotism and a penchant for outrageous

Attempts by Richard Leakey, the Kenyan conservationist and palaco-enthropologist. to form a coalition under a single presidential candidate to challenge Mr Moi fell apart early in February. Dr Leakey's party. Safina, has been refused registration for nearly

Disgusted with the opposition and impressed by a planned economic recovery programme based on privatisation and an anti-corruption drive foreign donors recently pledged \$760 million (£500 million) for the Kenya Government

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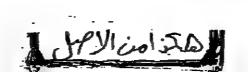
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**OVERSEAS NEWS** 

# Outgoing British ambassador warns autocrats of looming showdown with fundamentalists

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# Arab democracy is only way to halt Islamic tide'

ARAB states will be crippled by instability and a worsening edisis of identity unless enprenched rulers increase political freedom, according to a senior British diplomat.

Sir Alian Ramsay, Britain's Ambassador to Morocco until his retirement this week, said that military-backed rulers throughout the Arab world must choose between an end to their autocratic rule or face an increasingly bitter battle with Islamic fundamentalists. In an interview with The Times. Sir Allan, who has pent 40 years as a soldier and diplomat in the Arab world, criticised Arab states for their failure to conduct debate on religious issues, which he sees as threatening the foundations of the Islamic world.

Sir Allan, portraying Islamic fundamentalism as a suc-cessor to the failed experi-genents with Arab nationalism and socialism, predicted ex-treme instability if the Muslim message failed to provide the

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Arab world with the sense of identity the fundamentalists claim to have found. "There's a very definite character to Islamism that makes me wonder what will happen if it goes the way of nationalism and socialism. Because Islamism attempts to go to the roots of things. I think it is actually fraught with dangers for the



Sir Allan: worked in the Arab world for 40 years

Arabs and for the Islamic ing the Renaissance.
Nobody can say to invesreligion, because if it does not succeed in its aims then what happens? It doesn't seem to me

that there's anything else left, unless there's a reversion to secularism. Islamism is in a sense the last throw of the Sir Allan said that the governments of the Arab

world had failed to steer reform in a way that allowed debate on the separation of religion and politics. He regards such a debate as vital to the stability of the region and the creation of institutions that are capable of bringing development. Either you have a reversion

dice." he said.

to a very ugly form of primitive, very assertive dogmatic Islamism, or you have to go down the path of more partici-patory politics. Those are the liternatives. I don't think Islam will ever recede." he said. Sir Allan described the Islamic world as largely sapped by the same inertia it experienced

when Europe blossomed dur-

tors with absolute confidence that any country in the Middle East is stable. And they are not stable because too much of the best of all that is available is concentrated in too few hands.

"As an alternative it's not enough to say that the answer is in religion or a return to a simpler structure," he said. Sir Allan said the gulf between the Islamic and non-

Islamic world could not be bridged unless Western countries rediscovered their own spirituality and recognised the mportance of religion to Muslims when reassessing the framework for dialogue. "We in the West have to recover something that we have lost if we're to make sense of understanding the Muslim world. Equally, they have to accept that you can't approach a dialogue or any meaningful relationship on the assumption that yours is the conclu-



Arab regimes are accused by Sir Allan Ramsay of failing to prevent the merging of religion and politics

sive and only system." The maintenance of non-democratic systems and the absence of meaningful debate were the main hindrances to genuine acceptance of Israel by the

Arab world, said Sir Allan, who was posted to the British Embassy in Cairo during the 1970s before stints in Afghanistan and Iraq. "If peace, and the existence of Israel is going

without involving major inputs of Western diplomacy and military assistance, then this ... has to be accepted by

that can only come by their more active involvement in the politics of their own countries. and that can only come through a form of representa-

### Likud hit by lawsuit on war in Lebanon

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ARIEL SHARON and Binyamin Begin, leading members of Israel's main right-wing opposition Likud Party, are involved in a public slanging match over the true aims of the 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

The politically damaging clash, sparked by a £76,000 iawsuit by Mr Sharon, a former Defence Minister, is regarded as an electoral gift to the ruling Labour Party as it stomes less than two months before a general election that could decide the future of the Middle East peace process.

To the dismay of senior Likud campaign officials, Mr Begin, son of the late Prime has openly accused Mr Sharon of misleading his father about his intention to send the army as far as Beirut during the three-year Lebanon war in which 650 Israelis and thousands of Arabs were killed.

"It is clear he [Sharon] misled the Prime Minister on this central issue," wrote Mr Begin in an affidavit submitted to a Tel Aviv court in which Mr Sharon is suing the leading Hebrew paper Haaretz and its correspondent, Uzi Benjamin, over an article which claimed: "Menachem Begin knows very well that

Sharon deceived him." Mr Sharon has denied that he had lied to or misled Menachem Begin, who resigned in 1983 and later died at the age of 78, apparently deeply distressed at the course the war had taken.

# Colony engaged in phone thuggery

FROM TOM WALKER

FROM the place that gave the world kung fu comes the latest in martial arts: the Motorola chop. Hong Kong's overstretched police force is blaming a rising number of knock-out punches on the mobile phone.

With one in six adults in the colony now carrying a phone, hardly a week goes by without someone suffering a cordless erack across the head.

"You could say it's the weapon of choice," said Ray Pierce, the deputy district commander of Mong Kok police station in Kowloon. "People have one in their hand, and they go for it rather expensive."

The latest incident occurred at the weekend when Leung Yan-kam, 60, was attacked by three youths wielding a mobile phone. He had accused them of queue-barging. Mr Leung was admitted to hospital with head injuries.

Last month Wong Yukman, the editor of an anti-China daily entitled Mad Dog, was acquitted of charges that he and a colleague had wounded a seafood wholesaler with a mobile phone during a traffic dispute. In another recent case a

court heard how a taxi driver had bludgeoned his girlfriend after discovering her affair with another man. A further incident involved a financial manager accused of hitting his wife with a phone in a Valentine's Day tiff:



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# Owners who want a perfect dog are turning to powerful drugs, Giles Coren reports

# Why it's a dog's life on Prozac

ogs have every-thing, First they coats and designer sweaters, then special dog hotels, little doggy chocolate boxes, dog weddings land divorces), then came an antiquarantine campaign advocating passports for dogs. When it was recognised that they suffered psychological prob-lems not so different from reservoir and a large rock. human ones, they started going in for analysis, New, it seems, they have existential angst, and have joined the

trendiest bandwagon of all. A professor at one of America's top veterinary schools, the appropriately named Tofts University, has just published The Dog Who Loved Too Much (Hodder & Stoughton. 58.99) in Britain, and a new era in veterinary treatment is about to come under scrutiny.

Early on in the book comes the announcement that will have Barbara Woodhouse turning in her grave: "Prozac and other psychotropic medications can be used quite effectively for the treatment of many veterinary behavioural

America, where dogs are not put down but "experience euthanasia", and where "highrise syndrome" generates magazine stories like "Is Your Cat Contemplating Suicide?". But this is England, where a dog is man's best friend, not a "furry family member", and problem pers were traditionally treated with a sack, a

Dr Nicholas Dodman's rationale for prescribing Prozachinges on the fact that dogs' brains are structurally and functionally similar to our own, and that the neurotransmitters (which control moods and social and sexual behaviour) are identical in the two species. "It is hardly surprising, then," he writes. That similar things can go wrong with humans and dogs, or that similar medications can be used for treatment of these problems."

He looks at such difficulties as blanket-sucking in dachshunds, rage syndronic in springer spaniels, anxiety in afghans, and the obsessivecompulsive disorders that are apparently most frequent in

ers. There is the story of a Jack Russell that is cured of its propensity for telephone-munching by being prescribed Valium, and a rottweller called Rocky who wears "a spectacular chrome-plated collar" and chews not instruments of telecommunication, but people.

While making clear that he seeks to cure problems by retraining and environmental readjustment. Dr Dodman laments the time that such approaches consume and ex-plains that "drugs such as fluoxetine (Prozac), which in-creases serotonin levels, can be extremely effective at curtailing dominance-related aggression, enabling owners to quickly gain the upper hand".

This approach is gaining currency in Britain, but according to Dr Roger Musford, Britain's most influential animal psychologist, it is to be discouraged as strenuously as possible.

"I take a very negative view of these quick-fix drugs," he says. "I have used Prozac in three cases, and seen no benefits at all. Dr Dodman's



Afghans get anxious, springer spaniels have rage syndrome, and golden retrievers like these three are prone to obsessive-compulsive disorders

book is very readable, and many people will find it amusing, but the references to Prozac are overdone."

Dr Mugford's Animal Behaviour Centre, the biggest in the world, has been eyeing developments carefully since a television news item on Dr Dodman's theories was broadcast two years ago. "He had a

great dane that was mutilating itself," says Dr Mugford, "and this was going to be the first case of curing the problem with Prozac. But the whole thing was scientifically trashy. The efficacy just isn't scientifically sustained. And I certainly won't be using it again."

The problems seem almost

the paradoxical effects of using Prozac, which are well documented in human cases. Things are known to get worse before they get better, which a human can easily understand. But how do you explain that to dog? And if a dog starts to

way or the other, because first results take 40 days to show. "The book is a good read but bit unethical. Dr Dodman has come from a pharmacological background, and is not behaviourally orientated the best way to make a dog

suffer from side-effects he can't

just stop taking the drug. And

his owner will never know one

happier is to change its lifestyle. And with a dog, the smallest things make all the For all Dr Dodman's talk of neuro-transmitters, it is this -the fact that you can improve a dog's life so easily - that

makes us so different from our pets. It cannot be necessary to

cles that gets excited about chasing a stick.

Back at the Animal Behaviour Centre, veterinary surgeon Samantha Lindley has been fielding dozens of calls from vets all over the country. "It must be all the publicity about Prozac that has got them excited," she says.

got a call recently from a vet who wanted to give it to a cat that was attacking a new cat its owner had recently bought. Well, you can't cure a cat of its natural territorial instincts just like that. There are no zapem-quick panaceas. But vets are wanting to use it as a firstline treatment, which would be a disaster, because if you disguise the symptoms you miss any number of clinical reasons why an animal might

Prozac is not licensed for use on animals, and Eli Lilly has not promoted it for that. Vets who use it do so without any legal protection. If you found a clinical problem you would never treat it with some new antibiotic that had worked on humans and might

or might not be OK for dogs. The reason it has caught on in America is that they want animals to conform exactly to their way of life. They must have a perfect dog. But the problem is that dogs do bark. And they do get excited when the postman comes, and occasionally pee in the wrong places." If they didn't, they

wouldn't be dogs. As long as the vets keep consulting them, Roger Mugford and Samantha Lindley will endeavour to save us from the Prozac pooches. But the pressure of the transatlantic designer lifestyle may prove too much.

Next time you cry "Lassie. t help", do not be surprised she returns not with a policeman, but a prescription.



THE news that the Pope had needed surgery for cancer of the colon increased people's awareness of a disease, which accounts for 19.000 deaths in Britain each year, and the demand for screening. An early diagnosis offers the best chance of reducing the present death rate: only a third of patients survive five years after

diagnosis. At the recent meeting of the British Society of Gastro-enterology two research projects, reported in General Practitioner magazine, demonstrated the success of screening

in the detection of cancer of the colon and rectum, and showed that the cost of each life saved by colo-rectal screening was less than that of a life saved by breast screening.

Cancer of the colon is one of the few diseases in which the richer the patient is, the greater ther likelihood of developing the condition. Statistics released by the Cancer Research Campaign show that the highest rates of cancer of the colon occur in social classes one and two, the lowest in four and five, and that there is an intermediate rate for people in social class three. A low-fibre, high-calorie and high-protein diet is suspected of accounting for this.

The Medical Research Council study presented at the gastroenterologists' meeting investigated 533 patients between the ages of 55 and 64 from two Hertfordshire practices who attended for screening with a colonoscope, which involves passing an endoscope from the anus to the appendix. Seventy-five per cent of those invited attended, and 6 per cent of these had polyps



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Dr Thomas Stuttaford 60 with a flexible sigmoidoscope, a cheaper and easier procedure than colonoscopy, will pick up 80 per cent of the cases in which a potentially matignant polyp is present. Twenty per cent of cancers, and polyps, grow in the large bowel on the left-hand side of the abdomen, where they are beyond the reach of the sigmoidoscope but can be seen

which, if they had been left

untended, would have been

likely in time to have become

Another survey showed that

examination of all patients over

with a colonoscope. Throughout the colon flat tumours are more easily missed by the examining doctor than are polypoid ones.

A national screening programme is likely to be at least five years off. Until then, people must watch vigilantly for the early signs of colo-rectal cancer. A recent report in The Practitioner draws attention to the importance of rectal bleeding, particularly when it occurs for the first time in an older when it occurs for the first time in an older patient, if the blood is dark rather than bright red, if it is associated with a change of bowel habit, and if there are no haemorrhoids or fissures which could account for it. All rectal bleeding should be reported to the doctor, but bleeding is not the only indication of trouble: change in the frequency and the nature of bowel movement, loss of weight and unexplained anaemia are all initial symptoms. Particular care is needed in monitoring patients who have a family history of the disease, or who suffer from ulcerative colitis or Crohn's

#### New chestnuts to join the old



THE horse chestnuts, together with the trees in the way of the planned Newbury bypass, have been felled. That will remove a worry from mothers, for there are well-authenticated

reports that conkers if eaten cause kidney failure, liver disease and gastroenteritis. In animals they can cause a breakdown in red blood cells and, by interfering with blood coagulation, haemorrhage.

German doctors have for generations treated varicose veins and piles with extract of horse chestnut. A survey published in The Lancet reviewed the treatment with horsechestnut extract of 200 cases of chronic venous insufficiency, the condition in which fluid collects in the legs after a patient has suffered damage to the deep leg veins. Usually support stockings are recommended to prevent skin pigmentation, dermatitis and chronic ulceration. But, in a trial in Germany, it was found that aescin, a complex substance extracted from horse chestnuts, was as effective.

#### A rash colour for heart pills

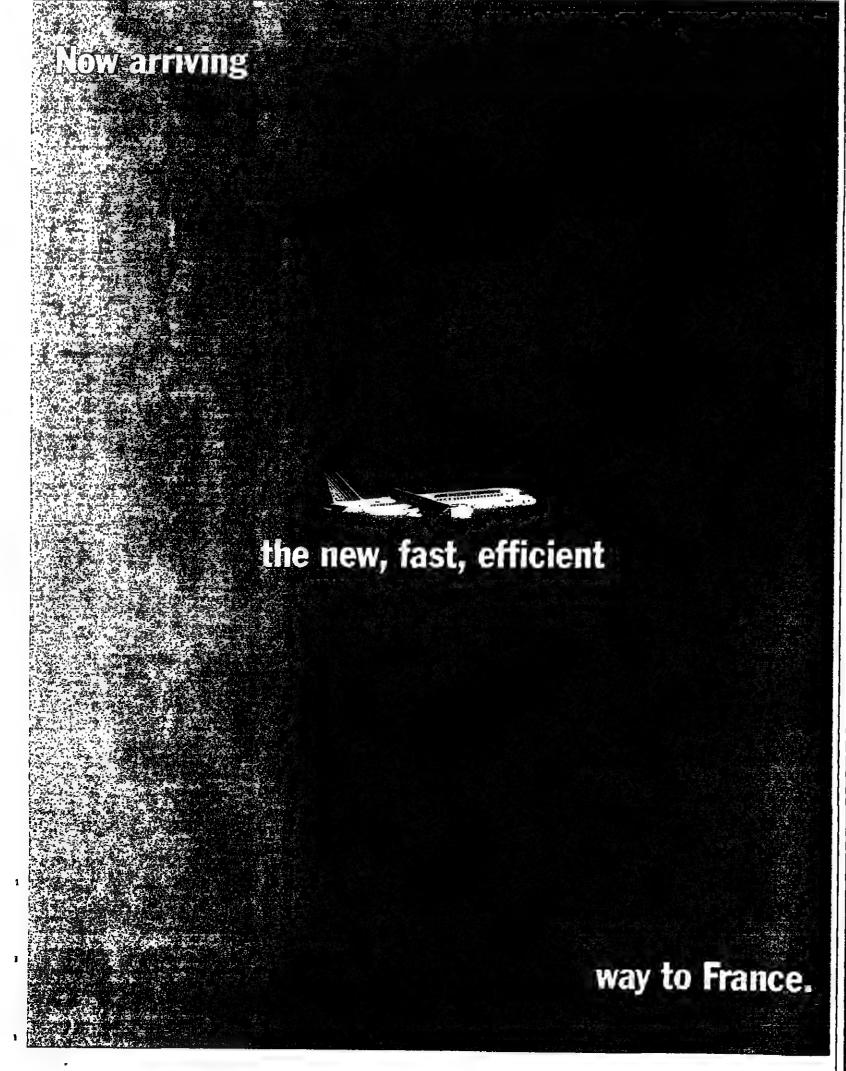


SWEET manufacturers are well aware that some colouring dyes produce adverse effects. Recently, cases reported in the BMI have demonstrated that the colouring used in some pills

can also have side-effects which could be mistakenly attributed to the actual drug. The ACE inhibitor, enalapril, recommended for the treatment of high blood

pressure and heart failure, can cause skin rashes. In one or two cases a rash has been shown to be related to the colouring matter in the tablet, and when the pills have been changed the rash has disappeared.

This occasional reaction should not discourage other people from taking 🞉 enalapril. These ACE inhibitors have been shown to be very effective, but less than a third of patients with heart failure are receiving them. The medical journal Monitor recently contrasted the increasingly effective treatment of some chronic diseases such as asthma and diabetes with the laisser faire approach to heart failure.



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# The strange goings on in Sark

wo weeks ago, a case entered the Court of Guernsey that may well end up by chang-ing, beyond recognition, life on the island of Sark. This case, between the Barclay family and Michael Beaumont, the Seigneur of Sark, is complicated in the extreme.

Pages of genealogy were presented to the court by the Barclays' lawyer and I have no doubt that many more will be tabled in the next round. These documents prove, so the Barclays claim, that the island of Breeghou is not and never has been a part of Sark. As a result of this, Mr Beaumont has pocketed £179,000 - or a treizième — of the purchase price the Barclays paid for the island. This treizième is not a tax payable for the benefit of the people of the island, but solely the personal income of the Seigneur.

Two more disparate types than the two Barclay brothers

These laws force property to change hands, and only when this happens can the Seigneur take his cut

and Mr Beaumont would be hard to find. Frederick and David Barclay have spent most of their lives in the hard world of international finance. building from nothing a commercial empire that crosses the spectrum from the Ritz Hotel in London to The European and Scotsman newspa-

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pers to oil supertankers. Michael Beaumont, the Selgneur, inherited Sark from his grandmother, Dame Sybii Hathaway. At the time, he was an engineer working at British Aerospace. As a result, Mr Beaumont is entitled to the treizierne, or one thirteenth, of the sale price of all property traded on the island.

Sark has not always been in the hands of Mr. Beaumont's family. For almost 300 years of the island's history, it was the property of the de Catarer family, having been granted to Philip de Cataret by Elizabeth I in 1565, conditional on de Cataret maintaining. 40 men. with muskets to secure the island from pirates.

Mr Beaumont's family came into possession of the island in 1846, when they acquired Sark by foreclosing on a £4,000 mortgage. Emi-nent genealogists advising the Barclay family hold the view that while the Seigneur may well have title to Sark, neither he nor any of his predecessors has, or has had, any feudal title over the island of Breeghou.



Lord McAlpine, left, explains the extraordinary dispute between two brothers who are determined to realise a childhood dream and the man who is the feudal lord on the tiny island of Sark

In common with most legal wrangles, there is more to this case than meets the eye.

The Barclay brothers have long lived in Monaco but they have, since their youth, known the island of Brecghou. When they were young, they were taken to Sark for their holidays. Brecqhou, an island fortress. always

seemed to them a place filled with romance and the thought germinated all those years ago that, should they succeed in life, one day they would make it Almost three years

ago. Brecchou came on the market and the Barclays bought it and set about building a considerable home there. This bome has become the object of much curiosity. It is not, however, a nuclear bunker, nor is it a fortress against the world. Rather, it is a grand country house designed by the architect Quinlan Terry in the tradition of those built by Sir Edwin Soon after

bought the island, the Barclays set out to be amiable and generous neighbours to Sark. There was, however, one principle they insisted on - the right to leave

their property in their wills to whoever they pleased. They suggested to the Seigneur's lawyer that a trust could be formed to ensure that right, for on Sark only the eldest son can inherit unless there are no male heirs, in which case right passes to the eldest daughter. Furthermore, no woman is entitled to divorce on Sark.

Surely the Seigneur could not be serious about enforcing these archaic laws? Indeed, he was. The Seigneur intended to enforce them to the letter with. as far as he is concerned, very good reason. These laws force property to change hands, and only when property chan hands can the Seigneur take

veryone knows that Sark is a quaint old place and all the better, no doubt, for just that. Just how quaint the laws of Sark are is not generally known. The Parliament of Sark, called the Chief Pleas, meets three times a year and is composed of the 40 landowners on the island. presided over by Michael Beaumont the Seigneur, a and fine, is no doubt quite Seneschal, a Greffier & Trea- capable of dealing with discapable of dealing with dissurer, the Constable and an putes over those stray cattle. The case between the obscure functionary called the

Prevot, whose main job is to feed any prisoner in the jail. There is much pomp and run. It will move from court to ceremony at this parliament.

Among other quaint tradi-tions, the Lord's Prayer is read

The Barclays: Frederick, top, and David

in French. Islanders who do

not own land, of whom there

are more than 500, are obliged

to huddle in silence at the back

of the schoolroom where the

parliament sits, while the un-

elected landowners plan the

This is quaint enough as a tourist attraction, but as a

parliamentary chamber.

where all the members sit only

by permission of the Seigneur,

it is somewhat unsatistactory. Sark is an island with a population of 550 people.

where only 40 of them have a

No village or small town on mainland Britain would toler-

ate this situation. Nor. I su

pect, would they tolerate a

situation where the local po-

liceman and magistrate are

appointed by the Lord of the

Sark is a quiet place, on the

whole, and I have no doubt

that Michael Beaumont's ap-

pointee as policeman is capa-

ble of dealing with returning

stray cows to their owners, as

indeed the local judge, a

farmer who has no legal

training but acts as a coroner

and has the power to imprison

say in its running.

reaches the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. in the course of this legal wrangle, even some of those who live on Sark will begin to question the legitimacy of the Seigneur's authority over them, as people all over the world are demanding more clarity in the laws

> Barcleys, want to know whether their property is theirs to enjoy unhindered, for the eventual benefit of their heirs. Whoever they may be. they want to know that they are guaranteed basic human rights and they want their rulers to be open, democratically elected and ac-

by which they are gov-

Barclays and Mr Beaumont

will. I have no doubt, run and

court until such time as it

amendments to Beaumont's law on Sark would put these iniquities right. Changes of this nature would legitimise Sark's parliament, strengthen that institution and make it possible to halt the

steady erosion of the unique and delightful way of life enjoyed on the island. The continual burying of

heads in the island's sands will only leave the system on Sark so open to artack that in the end a complete collapse of that system is inevitable.

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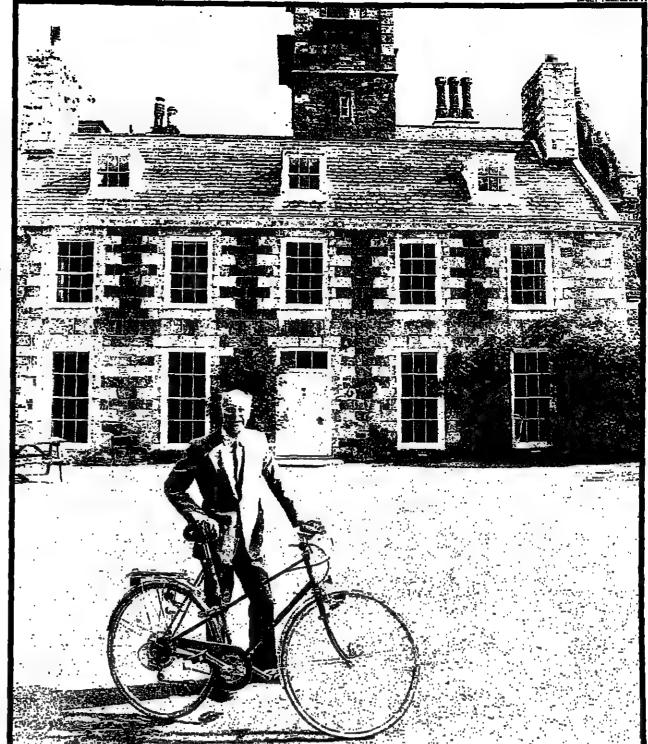
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Michael Beaumont, the Seigneur of Sark: he is deadly serious about enforcing what to an outsider look like archaic laws

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# Drink and drugs are twin demons

Magnus Linklater offers a

chaser for our irrational fears

Talking out of court, heads bowed, the three 19-year-olds offered few clues to link them with the orgy of destruction that had brought them there. They wore short haircuts. well-pressed suits and patterned ties. They were, as the police conceded, well-broughtup middle-class boys. Yet, in the space of just a few hours, they had, in the judge's words, "exulted in a rampage of violence", beating and kicking a church caretaker, then at-tacking a witness who came to his aid, with such force that they left the imprint of their shoes on his face and arm.

The assaults by three pupils from Cardiff High School. sentenced to two years' youth custody on Monday, were hardly on the same level as the squalid murder carried out by three British soldiers in Cyprus the previous week. But in both cases what turned a perfectly ordinary trio of young men into a gang of hoodlums was a massive intake of alcohol. Both had spent the evening ordering drink after drink until they had reached that state where the brakes are let off and instincts career out of control. Alcohol was the fatal accelerator.

What is surprising is that none of the outraged cover-age that followed What if the Cyprus the Cyprus attack, and, to a lesser exsoldiers had tent, the rampage of the Cardiff schoolbeen high hove, included any indictment of a drug on LSD? that is at least as lethal as heroin or

crack oxaine. Here was clear evidence of a widely available intoxicant turning perfeetly ordinary human beings into potential killers, unleashing aggression on a murderous scale. Yet no one both-ered to question its contribution to violence, the pernicious effect it can have on young people, or the chemistry that turns a jolly drunk into an aggressive lout. The demon drink, that menace to society that so obsessed the legislators and moralisers of the Victorian era, seems to have become just another aspect of modern life. like it or lump it. Indeed so accusiomed are we to that most companionable of drugs that the Government feels able to suggest that we can drink a little more, that alcohol can have a beneficial effect on

our heaith. Why do we so readily tolerare drink while remaining so implacably hostile to other drugs? It is not hard to imagine the headlines and column inches which would have resulted if, say, the soldiers had been high on LSD, or the boys had been smoking cannabis. The response would have been immediate and horrified, with MPs pressing for new regula-tions, police launching all-out war on the pushers, and leader columns inveighing against the perils that beset

modern youth. The tragic case of Leah Betts, the teenager who died after taking an Ecstasy tablet. led to a national debate about the widespread use of drugs at teenage raves: in Scotland, the illegal use of Temazepam, a sleeping pill

side written by one of their own.

Writing in Crossbow, the rag of

the influential right-wing Bow Group, Martin Ball, a former edi-

tor of the YCs Campaigner maga-

zine, calls for the dissolution of the

Young Conservatives. His critique

is likely to earn approval at the

highest party levels, where the YCs

forthwith," writes Ball, a former

leader of the Nottingham Young

Conservatives. "It was once a great

The YCs should be abolished

have become rather a trial.

which can cause medical complications, prompted its banning, simply on the ground that it causes "misery and despair in our towns and cities": a middle-aged ladv who grew cannabis for medicinal purposes in an upstairs room was jailed for 18 months, with the judge cautioning against the hazards of such antisocial behaviour.

The gap in attitudes cannot just be put down to drugs being more dangerous than alcohol. Drink, after all, is a factor in 70 per cent of homicides, 43 per cent of assaults and 32 per cent of disorder cases. For all the concerns about drug induced crime waves, nothing that heroin or cocaine induce can compare with statistics such as these. Nor can it be said that more deaths are caused by drug addiction than by alcoholism. Deaths associated with alcohol far outstrip those related to drug-abuse. At the same time, alcohol consumption among young people is growing far faster than that of drugs.

In his 1960s study. Narcotic Addiction in Britain and America. Edwin Shur made a depressingly simple observation. There was, he said, no hasic difference between the

two addictions. They had similarities in cause and effect. However, society had accepted one and not the other. "In both Britain and America. he wrote, "the use of alcohol is a widely approved form of social behaviour."

We are used to it, it is part of our social fabric. We know, or we think we know, all about its pernicous effects but in the end we prefer what Seamus Heaney called "swimming towards the lure of warm-lit places" to dabbling with the bleak uncertainty of drugs.

nd there, in the end, is the real distinction. Al-Cohol equals familiarity. Drugs equal fear. We fear drugs because we do not fully understand them. We see in them the source of a deep corruption which gnaws at the foundations of society, which alienates young people, and undermines traditional values. To most of us there is nothing "companionable" about drugs: they are a symbol of hostility and rejection. It is this fear which precludes sensible public debate about drugs and their legal status. Any talk of relaxing the law or reassessing our attitudes is considered political suicide. Clare Short was firmly slupped down by Tony Blair for daring even to suggest that it might be a suitable matter for discussion. Even the Liberal Democrats wince when their delegates raise it at conferences.

This is absurd. No one is seriously proposing the reintroduction of prohibition to combat abuse of drink. Nor would it be sensible to lift all restrictions on the use of hard drugs. But to tolerate the one unquestioningly while consigning the other to forbidden territory resolves nothing. They are sides of the same coin. Understanding the one might help to resolve the

impact and enormous influence.

In a previous issue of Crossbow,

Peter Lilley, the Social Security

Secretary and former chairman of

the Bow Group, wrote of the threat

of domination of the YCs by hard-

core activists and of their becoming

last year's YC ball at the party

conference in Blackpool, and this

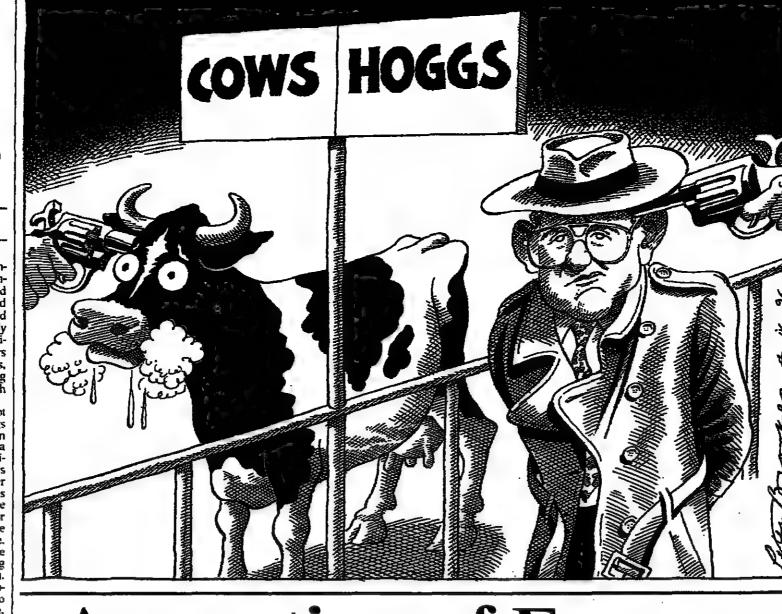
year Central Office refused to fund

their annual conference. Michael

Signs of decline were obvious at

too single-minded.

be gracefully brought down."



# A question of Europe

ohn Major has got it right. The decision on a referendum is the best that has been made by the Government in a long time. It has not been easy, but that makes it all the sweeter. Kenneth Clarke resisted and bargained to the end, but the actual decision has not made any unacceptable concession to him. John Major has avoided the fatal trap of letting Mr Clarke appear the strongest figure in his Cabinet. But that is almost the least of the benefits.

The Prime Minister has now drawn a line below British policy on the single European currency, and made it depend on the consent of the British public. Had he done the same thing during the Maastricht negotiations, his position then would have been much stronger. Chancellor Kohl uses the political strength of Germ-any in a ruthless way to impose his European policies on the Cabiners and Parliaments of his European partners. These German pressures are powerful, but they are not going to overawe the British people. From now on, any currency decision not acceptable to the British electorate will not be accepted by Britain. That is a safeguard, but also a negotiating advantage.

The referendum decision also confirms and extends the constitutional doctrine which was established in that enjoyable Maastricht case, "The Queen v the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, ex parte the Rt Hon the Lord Rees-Mogg, 1993". The costs of that case were paid by Sir James Goldsmith. who has also played a noble part in the campaign for a referendum. The High Court followed the ancient precedent in accepting that "the Government could not lawfully transfer any part of the Crown's prerogative powers in relation to foreign affairs without statutory enactment". The Government cannot use the prerogative power to alienate any part of the prerogative power. The referendum expands this constitutional doctrine because it accepts the prin-ciple that the Government cannot properly use the power of Parliament to alienate the power of Parliament, in a permanent way, without the consent of the people. The whips cannot vote away our liberties with-

out our consent. John Major has also outmanoeuvred Tony Blair, or at least Tony Blair has outmanoeuvred himself. He now has to decide whether to bring Labour referendum policy into

dances are clearly long gone.

Mary Stuart.

record is troubled.

**Gulp? Glug!** 

this year. Mike Sweeney, the chair-

man of Henley Royal Regatta, is

umpiring once again, but his

He has been an umpire four

times before: only once, in 1988,

have the waters been smooth. On

the first occasion, in 1984, Cam-

bridge ploughed into a barge and

the race had to be postponed for 24

hours. In 1986, there was chaos

when the Cambridge boat and its

following flotilla struggled to hold

There is a strut about Lord St

John of Fawsley. Is it on account of

The single currency would spell death for many British jobs

line with the Government's, which would at best be a tactical humiliation, or to stay with his present unsatisfactory commitment. Labour's present policy is to obtain public consent to a single currency either by way of a referendum or in a general election. Obviously a general elec-tion, in which the currency question would be mixed with many other issues, would be an extremely bad

way of seeking public consent.

In practice it has now become almost unthinkable that a Labour government, if elected, would take

Britain into a single currency with-out a referendum. That would split the Labour Party and unite, or almost unite, the Tories and the Liberal Democrats. Tony Blair finds himself at present stranded in a position which

is damaging to him in Opposition, and will be even more damaging in Government. It is his first big mistake, and he would do well to put it right as soon as possible. He can no more afford to give Gordon Brown a veto on his European policy than John Major could afford to give it to Kenneth Clarke.

in present circumstances, there would be no majority in Britain for joining a single currency. Of course, those circumstances could change and if the British public, after full debate, does want to join a single currency at some future date, that will be their decision. But such a decision would require a very different Europe, a Europe which solved rather than creating problems for Britain, a Europe of low costs, high competitiveness and low unemploy-ment. This week's meeting of the Group of Seven countries in Lille showed how far Europe is from such a state of affairs.

In the business section of Tuesday's Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, one of the great newspapers of Europe, there was a table showing the January unemployment levels of the G7 countries. Japan was lowest with only 3.4 per cent; the US had 5.7; UK, 8.4: Germany, 8.6: Canada, 9.5; France, 120 and Italy, 125. These are very bad figures for continental Europe, all the worse as each country has a further band of concealed unemployment among trainees and those who have retired early. No wonder that Le Figaro, on the same day, commented that "this situation will become explosive if it persists". In France, a social explosion means riots in the streets of Paris.

In the whole European Union, the attempt to meet the Maastricht convergence criteria for a single currency is having a deflationary effect. Not since the early 1930s has a group of powers adopted the perverse policy of

deflating in a period of high unemployment. Europe has also lost growth and competitiveness compared to Asia: in the past ten years the Pacific tiger eco-

nomies have doubled in size, while the continental European economies have grown by only about a quarter.

he French were the hosts at the Lille conference, and largely set the agenda. President Chirac called for a third way between the open market Anglo-American economies and the social market economies of the European model; his third way turned out to have very little in it that was Anglo-American. Despite American objections, the communique reaffirmed the old European attitudes, and committed the G7 countries to more deflationary budgets, to "modernising" the regulation of goods and services, and to promoting "security of employability" rather than mobil-ity of labour. These social market policies have produced Europe's unemployment rate of over 11 per cent. The single currency would cement this high unemployment in place and extend it to Britain. It would make Euro-sclerosis incurable.

French attitudes are swinging even further towards what could be called a social fortress Europe. The leading article in Le Figaro which rightly warns of a potential explosion if unemployment continues to rise also gives characteristic French remedies: higher tariffs, less investment in competitive countries, making trade conditional on the social welfare expenditure of other countries, and fixed exchange rates. "In order to save jobs [in Europe], it is the world that has to be changed." Without a commitment to a refer-

endum. Britain might have been taken into such a Europe, for which the single currency would be an essential condition, against the wishes of the British people. We might have been sandbagged. Once trap-ped, it might have been very hard to get out, at least without leaving the European Union altogether. Yet this social fortress Europe has no chance of success: it offers nothing but high costs, high taxes, low growth, high unemployment and economic decline, all of which are only too evident in the continental Europe of the 1990s. This was the British disease of our socialist period, when a relatively open-market Continent was growing so much faster than us; it is now the German disease, the French disease,

the Spanish disease, the European

disease in general. The latest trends show that the prospect for European unemployment is actually worsening. The European Commissioner for Monetary Affairs, Yves-Thibault de Silguy, announced this week that the OECD was lowering its forecast for growth in 1996. The forecast for the first half of this year has been reduced from 2.6 to 1.5 per cent, well below the level of stable employment. European ministers attack the commitment of the Anglo-Americans to competitiveness and labour mobility, but the United States has been responsible for a very large part of the job creation in the G7 countries, in contrast to the export of jons from Germany. Britain's unemployment has been falling while the

European average was rising. What about the Labour Party? What about Tony Blair? Of course, some parts of the social fortress policy are attractive to Labour. Tony Blair has a constituency, part of which would like a protected, highcost, high-welfare labour market. But will Labour pay the price of becoming the high-unemployment party, and would people vote for them if they did? A single European currency adopted without a referendum is an issue on which Labour could still lose the next election. "Vote Labour and lose your job" would not make a good election slogan, yet the single currency would be death for British jobs as it is already proving for French.

# Buttercup | \*\* knows best

Heed the wisdom of the cow, says

Paul Heiney

ith 15,000 beasts a week about to be flung on the bonfire, it is time to look at the beef crisis from the cow's point of view. When it comes to making milk and meat, cows know best: and although Buttercup has warned us often enough during the past decade, we have ignored the signs which were all too plainly telling us that she thought things

were not right.

Those who have been lucky enough in their lives to have kept cows (as I have until quite recently) know them to be benign, benevolent and reserved creatures. Other cultures have worshipped them, and if you have spent any time with your head next to the warm flank of the cow while drawing milk from her udder, it is not difficult to see why. Cows are good friends.

And in return for their generosity, how have we thanked them? We have made them our current public enemy number one. But that is just one of a catalogue of crimes committed against the modern dairy cow. Ask vets who attend highly efficient herds. They will tell you of lameness, oversized udders, illness due to stress. The modern dairy cow works so hard for her (until recently. poisoned) rations that she is, literally, knackered after four or five years. Under less pressure she could be productive into her teens. Now, with the beef crisis all her fault too. we bestow the final indignity upon her: a parting shot from the slaughterman's gun before throwing her to the flames.

No ensure this shameful episode is never repeated, we must humbly and apologetically turn to the cow and ask her what kind of life she would like to lead. My guess is that she wants to work under a tightly controlled system, with regular inspections. rules about the coments of her feed and how much time she must spend at grass: strict rules too about how long her calves must suckle, and how they are subsequently fattened for beef.

She must no longer be used as a veterinary pin cushion - except a veterinary pin cushion — except when she is unwell — and never-routinely given drugs "just in case". Milk her yes, but do not milk her for all she has got. Let her live a full working life, as cows used to. This system of farming is called organic, and not only cows but consumers need it now as they have

never before. At this point, modern farmers groan. To them this is as tactless as whispering "mineral water" to a drunk. They mumble about loss of yields, world shortages of food, diseased crops, as if they had all the answers to these problems. The demand for wholesome food, they will tell us, patronisingly, is no more than a niche market. What British agriculture, more than any other in Europe. has failed to recognise is that organic farming is no longer a hobby practised by men in beards and sandals. living up mountains, knitting wholemeal socks. Almost 10 per cent of German farms are now organic.

compared to a mere 0.3 per cent here. Organic farming is based upon modern science backed by international but underfunded research, and on the deeply moral principle that the only way to farm now and for the future is by working with the principles of nature and not against them.

ut there will be a price to pay. And although it has been easy so far to nod in agreement, you must now decide whether or not you are prepared to pay for this. Organic farming yields less milk, meat, cereal and vegetables, because it is less exploitative. At this point the modern agriculturalist will mutter, "less efficient" - but we have seen where his efficiency has got us. If meat becomes more expensive and we return to the day when a chicken was a treat worth waiting for, and a joint of beef a celebration, where would be the harm in that? No one is going to die for the want of a cheap cut of beef. Some nutritionists argue we would be the healthier for better beef, eaten

less often. If it is still thought that cheap milk is necessary for children's health, let us spend money subsidising organic milk for poorer families' sake. For those who do not like beef. nor care much about children's health, it could be regarded as a subsidy for the traditional fields and meadows which make the countryside pleasant. Cattle like them too; it has to be better than being reared in a

dark barn. It seems likely that the health risk from eating beef has been very small. That it has caused such panic out of all proportion to the risk is a symptom of a deep mistrust of the practices of modern farming and food production, and throwing thousands of old cows to the flame will do little to change this. Do not fall for 歳 any of the slick slogans with which the supermarkets will be bombarding us in the coming weeks. They mean very little. Ignore the farmfresh", the "traditionally reared", anything with the devalued word "natural" in it. and instead look for the Organic symbol. It is the one that

cott of the store. PAULA YATES has received an

her lover Michael Hutchence. in 1990, equipment broke in the

Even as Cambridge president in the 1960s, "Sinker" Sweeney made headlines when his crew almost drowned and the boat was smashed up in training by a freak squall. The potential for disaster

Oxford boat five minutes before the

### Rock-like

ROMAN Catholics in Gibraltar are on the march. The only supermarket on the rock, Safeway, is for the first time ever to open on Good Friday, a decision which the Catholic Bishop of Gibraltar, Bernard Devlin, has called "an affront" to Christians. Even the Church of England, never known to take a

#### Yates trouble

extraordinary offer from her estranged husband, Bob Geldof, in response to stories of her penury. She is under threat of eviction from her Clapham home: mortgage arrears are mounting: she has three kids and is expecting her fourth by

Geldof has suggested that Paula and the kids should move back into



"It might have been wise to drop the Beefy nickname

P·H·S | the Organic symbol. It has Buttercup's vote.

Heseltine was heckled in Blackstand when buckling under presher old Cheisea home with himself Yahoo's over pool by rightwingers fiercely opposed to the EU, while the sure is easier, is supporting a boyand his French girlfriend Jeanne Marine. Even Paula couldn't cope highlight of the evening was a tawdry "Saturday Night Fever" dance-off. The days of YC tennis with such a menage. "I don't think it would be healthy for anyone, Young Conservatives over a broadparties and decorous dinner

#### his re-election vesterday to the chair of the Royal Fine Arts Commission? Or could it be due to his continuing friendship with their positions when Oxford were late reaching the stake-boat. Then Princess Margaret? I spotted the pair gossipping away on Tuesday night at the National Theatre,

where they sat through Schiller's start, which was badly delayed. THERE's something of a sinking feeling among Boat Race crews is enormous," he says.

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least of all the kids."

#### Selective quote

LET'S HOPE that Ian Botham is elected as an England cricket selector, for it should lead to some humdinging selection meetings.

For although he was the consummate diplomat yesterday, breezily talking of his cordial relationship with the selectors' chairman, Raymond Illingworth, his autobiography paints an altogether different relationship.

Botham wrote that the decision to make Illingworth chairman "almost defied belief. He referred to him and his cronies as "senior citizens" and "the Sanatogen Set", and wrote: "Here was a man aged 61, whose only contact with players under 50 years old was from his seat in the press box or the television commentary position, where he had managed to spend the best part of the previous ten years contradicting himself by criticising their efforts one minute, then praising them the next."

Young Conservatives embarrassing their elders

THE PROTECTION PAPER

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The Home Secretary is right to respond to public concern The quality of mercy at the Tory party conference is often quite strained. The reforms in the White Paper on sentencing published yesterday by the Home Secretary, after being roundly applauded by Tory representatives in Blackpool last October, were inevitably criticised by the legal and penal establishments. Accusations of populism have been flung at Michael Howard and points have been scored on both sides.

When all the shouting is over, however, the White Paper emerges as a worthy attempt to safeguard the public and reinforce faith in criminal justice. There is a consensus across the country, and now across the floor of the Commons, that punishments have too often failed to fit crimes. The White Paper reflects that.

The public is dismayed by inconsistency and leniency towards serious offenders. Its concerns have been reflected in a retreat from liberal arguments by Labour. Last week the Shadow Home Secretary, Jack Straw, argued that current sentencing is "inadequate in terms of deterrence and reform, consistency and progression.

The White Paper contains proposals for

mandatory minimum sentences for persistent burglars and drug dealers and mandatory life sentences for those who repeat violent and sexual offences. It aims also to make sentencing more straightforward by ending automatic early release.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, has aiready attacked the Home Secretary for seeking to guide the judicial hand. Lord Taylor is understandably unhappy about any erosion of his profession's privileges but he should have a care in criticising Mr Howard. The public demand for reform has been given point by erratic judgments. Ministers should not trespass clumsily on the ground that our constitutional tradition wisely leaves to judges. But politicians have a role to play in reflecting public concerns and ensuring that the faith in our justice system on which the rule of law ultimately depends is not eroded.

The Home Secretary is entirely within his constitutional rights. Sir Thomas Bingham,

the Master of the Rolls, has argued: "As Parliament can prescribe a maximum penalty without infringing the constitutional independence of the judges, so it can prescribe a minimum." It is a power that should be used sparingly but there is a clear case for its use with career criminals and persistent violent and sexual offenders.

Introducing mandatory life sentences does not mean that ministers are deciding detention in the manner of Paraguayan police chiefs. It simply means that they are building another check into the system to ensure that vicious criminals prone to offend again are not released prematurely.

At present, rapists can walk free at the end of their sentences even if they are still a threat to society. In 1994, 40 serious offences were committed by individuals released without any assessment of risk. The White Paper would leave judges free to fix the tariff, the minimum amount that had to be spent in jail, but ensure that offenders could be kept in prison if likely to reoffend. The decision would be for the Parole Board, not the Home Secretary. Ministers are attempting to protect the public, not disrupt due process or usurp judges.

The Home Secretary is right to respond to public concerns and is doing so within legitimate limits. But he has a duty to consider all the consequences of his actions. Lord Taylor has argued that rapists, faced with the certainty of life if caught, will be inclined to murder victims, eliminating an eyewitness without paying the extra penalty. It would be a strong argument against Mr Howard if it were a credible picture of the rapist's mind.

One other consequence of stiffening sentencing might be increasing the prison population. Tougher penalties may deter some but the prospect of increasing incarceration is real. The taxpayer will have to bear that cost but 91 per cent of people in a recent poll said that they were prepared to. The State should never be eager to plunder its citizens' pockets but its first duty is to protect the innocent. Prison may not always reform but it protects; and protection is what the public demands and deserves.

#### **BACK IN UKRAINE**

Western interest is rising — but not fast enough

John Major's soon-to-be-announced decision to spend a day in Kiev on his way to the Moscow nuclear summit underlines a vital British interest. Ukraine is the pivot of the changing East European balance. The Russian Duma vote to reconstitute the Soviet Union has alarmed all the former Soviet republics; and Tuesday's decision by Russia and Belorussia to take the first steps towards reunification has boosted the nationalist cause in both countries and sharply increased pressure on their southern neighbour, Ukraine.

An involuntary reincorporation of Ukraine, the size of France with a population as large as Britain's, would be seen in the West as the start of a new Russian empire, a new East-West confrontation and an unwelcome revival of Nato's original purpose. Post-Communist stability in the East depends on a vigorous, prosperous and free Ukraine.

That necessity was masked in the first three years of independence by the country's less than impressive record. Politics were in the grip of ex-Communists posing as nationalists; market reform barely made any headway; press freedom and human rights fared no better than in Soviet days. But since the election of President Kuchma, things have begun to change quickly. A real effort is under way to privatise the poten-Mally rich economy. Ukraine has gained the confidence of the International Monetary

Fund and stabilised its currency. The country has turned its face to the West, playing a useful role in Bosnia, in the Council of Europe and in the concert of European nations. Patience and conciliation have replaced stridency and nationalism, soothing Kiev's tense relations with Crimea,

easing cultural differences between east and west Ukraine and bringing negotiations with Moscow over the division of the Black Sea Fleet near to agreement.

Ukraine, nevertheless, remains acutely suspicious of Russia, irked by what it sees as ern indifference and dis so far Europe has granted far less aid than America, which now gives more to Ukraine than to any other country except Israel and Egypt. Mr Major should emphasise that he, at least, has not forgotten the country. British investment may be less than its European partners', but is poised to rise swiftly. Britain is among those European Union members pushing hardest for greater market access for the EU's eastern neighbours. And Britain, as a leading Nato power, wants a stable and transparent relationship between Ukraine and an enlarged Atlantic Alliance.

The importance of Ukraine to any Nato enlargement will be underlined by an unusual joint visit, probably next month, by Malcolm Rifkind and Klaus Kinkel, his German opposite number. Until now Ukraine has been wary of any arrangement that could bring Nato troops to its borders. But the more Russian nationalists rail at Nato for electoral advantage, the more Ukraine understands its western neighbours' anxiety to creep under the Nato umbrella. Such an option will never be available to Kiev: but Douglas Hurd, among others, has already asked whether the country should not be linked to others on Russia's rim in some kind of security pact guaranteed by East and West. The best guarantee, as Mr Major will demonstrate, is vigorous Western backing and political support.

#### **BLUE MOON**

When a comet lights the dark of our eclipse

Britain was much darker than usual yesterday as an eclipse of the Moon blackened city streets, country meadows and car-clogged motorways. But as if to compensate, and to save the land from endless night, a sharp comet - Hyakutake - lit up the sky like some fierce, quick-burning candle. Rooftops were packed with binoculating astronomers-for-a-night, all purring with pleasure at the strange fizz in the skies; children were summoned out to watch ("Look carefully, Anna. it's something specials) and cameramen clicked photographs of a quite beautiful phenomenon.

There were no portentous mutterings or predictions of ill-fortune. Lunar eclipses are gentle happenings and have been feared far less in history than the darkness caused by the "swallowing whole of the Sun". Yet when the Sun was eclipsed across Asia last October, an awe-struck fear swept the length of the continent, touching all from peasant to

P.V. Narasimha Rao, the Indian Prime paniandrum. Minister, made sure that he left his solareclipsed country for the duration of the darkness, and millions more in Thailand, Burma, Cambodia, China and Laos stayed indoors to protect themselves from evil spirits. In sharp contrast, there was no report yesterday of strange behaviour at Downing Street: John Major was not seen ducking into the coal cellar for superstitious cover, and the Chancellor has not so far linked the eclipse to the referendum on a single currency.

Inevitably, Shakespeare saw eclipses differently, and wrote in King Lear of how eclipses in the Sun and Moon portended no good to us: "Love cools, friendship falls off, brothers divide: in cities, mutinies; in countries, discord; in palaces, treason; and the bond cracked between son and father." The Bard saw eclipses as a betrayal of the natural order - as have most people, in most places, at most times - and as a harbinger of havoc and pestilence. So did the ancient Athenians, who were so dismaved by a lunar eclipse in August, 413 BC, that they refused to set off for battle and, as a result, were roundly defeated by the less superstitious Syracusans.

The most engaging approach to the eclipse, however, has been in boys' advenpure fiction. There, it has been a stock theme in closing scenes such as this one forestdwelling baddies (with names like Gagool and Twala) are about to chop the heroes up. or to boil them in oil, when our man says Not so fast, you fiends, or I'll take the Sun away". Yesterday Quatermain took the Moon away. But frankly, no one minded.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Civil liberties and counter-terrorism

From Mr David Trimble, MP for Upper Bann (Ulster Unionist)

Sir, Much as I admire Simon Jenkins's writings, I fear he makes a grave error when he suggests that counter-terrorist legislation should be avoided on the grounds that it represents "a steady slither down the path of authoritarianism" ("When liberalism sleeps", April 3).

Governments cannot remain neutral on the subject of whether the lives and property of citizens are secure. To do so would undermine the very basis of their existence, Once that happens citizens will take the law into their own hands. That this has happened in Ulster (with the emergence of loyalist paramilitaries) should worry us all.

Yours faithfully. DAVID TRIMBLE, House of Commons.

From the Director of Liberty

Sir, I greatly welcome Simon Jen-kins's article. The ill-conceived changes to the Prevention of Terrorism Act that have been rushed through Parliament will increase the numbers of innocent people stopped, searched and detained by the police.

Since the Act first came into force in 1974 over 7,000 innocent people, apparently without any good reason, nave been stopped, searched or detained under its provisions. Only a tiny fraction of those detained have ever been charged with anything remotely resembling terrorism, and almost without exception these people could have been arrested under the ordinary law.

There is no real evidence that the Act's current provisions have been effective in preventing terrorism. They have already been condemned by the European Court of Human Rights for breaching those principles of human rights set out in the European Convention, and there is every reason to believe that these new powers will also be in breach and will be equally meffective.

To prevent terrorist incidents and to convict those responsible the police need clues, leads and evidence. The police will never have sufficient resources to be able to stop and search all travelling through a particular area and the chances of those using this power just happening to come across someone carrying evidence of ter-rorist activities are virtually nil.

Unfortunately the powers will have a real effect in other ways. The statis-tical evidence for the "ring of steel" around the City of London, designed drect une curv drom a terromst at tack, shows that the police have stopped and searched a disproportionate number of black people, despite the fact that to date no black people are believed to have been involved in the IRA activities in Britain.

Just one of the several powers in the Act which do not require any authorisation from anyone outside the police service will mean that anyone who chooses not to co-operate with the police can be forcibly searched, even though the police will not need any reason whatsoever for picking on that person to search. Not co-operating will also be a criminal offence, subjec to a maximum sentence of six months imprisonment.

I am not convinced that this Act will provide us with any protection. More mportantly, why was it necessary to rush these powers through Parliament, thus allowing no informed debate or proper consideration?

JOHN WADHAM, Director, Liberty (National Council for Civil Liberties). 21 Tabard Street, SE1.

From Mr Nigel Robert Wetters

Sir, I am unconvinced by Simon Jerikins's argument against extension of

One of the main aims of most terrorist groups is the undermining of democracy. In fighting this terrorism. it is proper to take away civil liberties so long as the effect is disproportionately larger on the terrorist than on a law-abiding citizen, and so long as the loss of these liberties is less harmful than submitting to the aims of the terrorist.

It could be argued, successfully. that the powers given under the Prevention of Terrorism (Additional Powers) Bill are less important than effective policing and intelligence, but that will not convince me they are more of an infringement on the civil liberties of the general public than being bombed or shot.

Yours faithfully NIGEL ROBERT WETTERS. 120b Replingham Road, Southfields, SW18. April 3.

#### Making the choice

From Dr Paul Lowe

Sir, If we must have a referendum on a single currency it would be opportune and equally democratic to have a concurrent referendum on capital punishment.

Yours faithfully, PAUL LOWE, 44 Howberry Road, Edgware, Middlesex.

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#### Cattle feed connection to people with 'mad cow' disease?

From Dr Alan J. Goble

Sir. The possible destruction of the British cattle industry is based upon an assumption which may well be false. It is assumed that those who have acquired the new variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) did so through eating beef. I believe it more likely that they, like the cattle that developed bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE or "mad cow" disease), acquired it through eating stock feed.

There appears to be little reason to suspect that eating meat could lead to transmission of a complicated protein which slowly multiplies within the brain. Human spongiform encephalopathy in the form of Kuru, which was once common in parts of New Guinea, passed through generations through eating the brains of recently deceased parents (or sometimes of enemies from the next valley).

In Australia, CJD has followed injections of human brain tissue in the form of pituitary extract into those who needed it for medical reasons; the cadavers from which the pituitaries were collected apparently included some from New Guinea.

The cattle that developed BSE in Britzin and elsewhere are thought to have acquired BSE through eating sheep brains included in stock feed prepared during the 1980s. It is thought that some of these sheep were affected by spongiform encephalopa-thy of sheep which causes scrapie. The method of transmission of scrapie is uncertain, but could well be from other sheep accidentally ingesting brain tissue from ailing sheep which have been shot, attacked by dogs or fed to dogs in the field.

The question arises as to how young adults could now be dying from CJD. The likely explanation is that in the 1980s they are stock feed. It is common amongst children and adolescents who live on or visit farms to examine dry stock feeds by eating them. These feeds include pollard, bran and dry mixtures and pellets containing protein. I did this often when young, as did many others whom I knew.

The addition of abattoir offal, including sheeps' craniums and their contents, to prepared cattle food is considered the most likely cause for the deve-lopment of BSE. Those young people

who have eaten that fodder have pre-sumably ingested and absorbed the prion protein and in some it has lodged and multiplied in their brains, thereby producing the new strain of

If this hypothesis is correct, many thousands could have been so exposed, assuming the behaviour of young people has changed little over the past several decades. Those so far presenting with CJD may only be those who have been earliest affected and in whom the condition has advanced most rapidly, and many hundreds of cases may present over the next decade before the disease dis-CJD is a disaster for the sufferers

and their families. Careful case studies and epidemiological review may yet prevent a possibly misguided and disastrous culling of millions of cattle which do not carry BSE and could not transmit CJD. The Government would be wise to pause and to obtain further advice.

Yours sincerely, ALAN GOBLE (Chairman, Board of Directors), Heart Research Centre, PO Box 607 Carlton South. Victoria 3053, Australia,

From Mr N. M. Marsden

Sir. From the early news reports of the BSE controversy I was struck, as a layman, by suggestions that a dispro-portionate number of those suffering from CJD were dairy farmers. Do dairy farmers eat more beef than the rest of us? I doubt it. I have been associated with farmers

for over thirty years, and I would like a pound for every time I have seen a farmer or herdsman nibbling a piece of cow cake; I have done it myself. Most concentrated cattle feed comes in the form of pellets, and one of the ingredients is molasses; they are not particularly palatable, but they can be sweet, and there is no denying that humans do eat them.

Farms also hold a fascination for children, and many visit farms at some time in their lives, often through school trips or holidays, and I would be surprised if most haven't been tempted to place these pleasant smelling pellets into their mouths, and many more into their pockets. In fact, I have seen them do it many a time.

Before going to agricultural college in the late Fifties, I worked under a head herdsman who would regularly suck a particular brand of cow cake whilst milking, extracting the molasses and spitting out the residue. I do not suggest this is a regular practice amongst herdsmen, but neither can it be unique.

If our beef and dairy herds have been infected in this way, then why not the humans who have also eaten these contaminated pellets?

NOEL MARSDEN, Geufron, Llansilin, Oswestry, Shropshire.

From Sir Jeremy Chance

Sir, Professor Michael Crawford (letter. March 26) writes: One might blame the farmers for accepting the principle of cannibalism by feeding ruminant brains and other organs back to ru-minants, Knowing that there was scrapie in the sheep population, the risk should have

But in the 1970s and 1980s we farmers had no idea that concentrated feeds, supplied in bulk or bags by the feeding-stuff manufacturers, contained protein from these sources. The composition of feed was declared starch and protein equivalent, minerals, etc — but the source or composition of the protein was generally not disclosed, certainly not as animal waste products from the slaughter houses. It was assumed to be fish

meal, groundnut or soya bean. Perhaps we were naive in our ignorance. Government authorities and feeding-stuff manufacturers presumably saw no harm in feeding meat to herbivores and forcing cattle to become cannibals. But I feel sure that most farmers would not have tolerated it had they known.

They should not be blamed for the

Yours faithfully, JEREMY CHÂNCE, Rhosgyll Fawr, Chwilog, Pwllheli, Gwynedd. March 27.

#### Airline 'bumping'

From Mr Malcolm Stephens

Sir. You reported (News in brief, later editions, March 29) that hundreds of passengers had been bumped from flights to America.

I am beginning to wonder if there is a conspiracy of silence to prevent anything being done about this perniclous and extraordinary practice whereby passengers can hold tickets and valid bookings with an "OK" status, having confirmed/reconfirmed their flights, turn up at the airport well before the reporting time, have paid the full price for their tickets but still be "bumped". The innocent thus pay the penalty while the guilty, ie, engers who book and who do not turn up and airlines who knowingly overbook, having caused the problem escape scot free.

service which is ordered well in advance, paid for, delivery confirmed and then the buyer/passenger is left stranded, often quite literally. In addition, the "contract" which an

air ticket represents shows on the ront a specified flight on a particular day and this "contract" is, seemingly, amended by the quite literally micro scopic print on the back which changes the booking from a specified flight on a particular day into the obligation of the airline to fly the passenger to the destination on some unspecified date.

How many passengers know about Yours faithfully,

MALCOLM STEPHENS International Union of Credit and Investment Insurers, 35 Old Queen Street, SWI.

#### Active elderly

From Mr Lucas Mellinger

Sir, On the basis that growing numbers of older people are active and healthy, the Director of the Carnegie Third Age Programme (letter, March 29) argues that their exclusion from the workforce is an appalling waste and a missed opportunity for our soc-

Emphatically, that is not so. Without doubt, the greatest social problem today is that available manpower exceeds our requirement. Whilst most work - in offices, banks, factories, mines, or on the land - needs to be performed by fewer people than before, more people are available.

Therefore members of the third age

the second. With self-reliance, unhampered by any profit motif, by demands of unions, bosses or clients, they must recognise the opportunity, perhaps for the first time in their lives, to blossom according to their distinctive values and potential.

Not to do so would be - and normally is - an appalling waste of talent and a missed opportunity for our society.

Yours faithfully, LUCAS MELLINGER, 9 Mortlake Terrace, Kew Green. Richmond, Surrey.

#### Greenwich double From the Chief Executive of London First

Sir. The news that future responsibility for the architectural and historical integrity of the Royal Naval College. Greenwich, is to rest with an independent trust (report, March 29; leading article, April 2) is to be welcomed. It is also appropriate that the two main tenants of the site should be the University of Greenwich, to continue the college's tradition of learning, and the National Maritime Museum, to continue its seagoing connection.

Down the road from the beautiful and historic college, a former gasworks is to become the site of the UK's national millennium exhibition — the most exciting project in London in a hundred years.

Thus Royal Greenwich, accessible, preserved and protected, and its near neighbour, a wasteland converted into a vision of the future, will together make London the hub of the world's millennium celebrations in the year 2000.

This prospect will put heart into those of us who are striving to put London at the head of the league of world cities.

Yours faithfully. STEPHEN O'BRIEN, Chief Executive, London First. Caxton House, 6 Tothill Street, SWI. April 2

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From Mr Charles G. Miller Sir, In the name of making economies, the Government has severed the

Royal Navy's links with the college at Greenwich, after over 300 years. At the moment, in addition to purely naval courses, tri-service defence courses for senior officers are carried out there. To claim it will be cheaper to move the training of our future service leaders from Greenwich to Camberley is tosh. Building and running costs, once local building permission has been secured, will make it considerably more expensive and the Government knows it.

The crux of this move is that realestate values in London are far greater than the value of acreage in sylvan Surrey. The college complex is to be run by an organisation which will rent out office blocks, hire out the Painted Hall for dinners, and charge the public to view those architectural treasures which are already on view seven days a week for nothing. The whole character of the area will be changed.

This is above party politics. I can only feel shame and contempt for the insensitive, slavering-for-profit attitude of a Government with such scant feelings for our history.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES G. MILLER, Flat D.

15 St Johns Park, Blackheath, SE3. March 29.

#### I can think of no other product or Violent schoolboys

From Mr George T. Gammon

Sir, For nearly 50 years I have been proud to be an old boy of Cardiff High School. It gave me a first-class edu-cation and imparted qualities which have served me well throughout my

Your report today of the mindless thuggery of three sixth-formers will bring disappointment and sadness to many like me. They appear to have enjoyed so many of the privileges of life and yet to have learned nothing of the obligations which those privileges

bring.
Whilst I can empathise with the distress of the families, I cannot but feel that the sentences were lenient. Your report is silent on the school's position, and I would hope for a vigorous statement from the headmaster asserting the school's priorities.

Yours truly, GEORGE T. GAMMON, 133a High Street, Watford, Hertfordshire. April 2

#### Spot the trendy

From the Reverend Donald Frith

Sir, I see today that, according to your correspondent, Joe Joseph, "Britain is suddenly swimming with baby-boomer mothers and fathers who hear Blur and Oasis and think Carnaby Street and Swinging London", and that they are conspicuous on the Underground in their mini-skirts, velvet hipsters and Adidas trainers.

How strange that we haven't noticed them up here. Most of the people I see are in wellies, walking boots and cagoules and have rucksacks on their backs. Few of them are listening to Walkmans: they are more likely to be enjoying the peace and quiet of the

Maybe when your correspondents generalise they ought to remember what a very limited circle they actually live in, and be honest and admit that for them "Britain" really means "London".

Yours sincerely, D. FRITH (Chairman, The Methodist Church in Cumbria), 14 Monnington Way, Penrith, Cumbria. April 1.

From Mrs Judy Astley

Sir. For the last couple of years I've had to put up with my teenage daughters claiming that they've "discovered" a great "new" band, only to hear Hendrix, T-Rex. Cream and my ancient Beatles records blasting through the house.

So if I'm now, to Joe Joseph's and everyone else's terminal embarrassment, a sad old past-her-sell-by mother singing Oasis songs in the car, perhaps it's because they are writing songs, as my own parents would have said, just like they used to.

Yours sincerely, JUDY ASTLEY, 2 The Embankment, Twickenham, Middlesex. April 1.

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

ST JAMES'S PALACE April 3: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, today re-

ceived Colonel Trevor Minter on relinquishing command of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

#### Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will be present at the Maundy service in Norwich Cathedral at II.00. The Queen will distribute the Royal Maundy dur-

#### Memorial service

Mr Derek Tanner
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Derek Tanner, rugby player, was held yesterday at Si Bride's, Ficet Street, Canon John Cates officiated.

Mr Bruce Tanner, grandson, read the lesson and Henry Tanner, grandson, read from Rudyard Kipling's If. Mr Stuart Morris son-in-law, gave an address.

#### Lieutenant-Commander R.H. Hodgkinson

A memorial service to celebrate the life and work of Licutenant-Com-mander Hughie Hodgkinsun, DSC, MA, RN, Headmaster of Milton Abbey School 1955-1969, will take place at Milton Abbey, on April 27, at moon. Please contact the Lodge at Milton Abbey School on 01258 880484 should you wish to

#### Ann Elwell

The memorial service for Ann Elwell, OBE, will be held at St Peter's, Euton Square, on Monday

#### The Marine Society

The 334th Annual Court of The Marine Society will be held at 11.45om on Wednesday, May 22. 1996, at The Royal Pharmaceutical Society, Lambeth, when Sir Paul Newall, TD. DL. will give the

#### Legal appointment

Mr Donald Hugh Stevenson Conway to be a full-time Immigration Adjudicator, designated as a Special Adjudicator.

#### Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Butterworth, CBE, DL, was in the chair at a Foundation lecture and dinner discussion held at the Royal Society on Tuesday evening. Professor Sir Robert May introduced the evening on Younger Scientists & Engineers. It's their

#### Luncheon

Manchester Consular

The annual spring luncheon of the Manchester Consular Association was held yesterday at Manchester Town Hall. Consul General Ernst keller of Switzerland, president, Mr David J. Fox, Consul for Chile, secretary, and Mr Brian Carroll. Consul for Liberia, treasurer, welcomed civic and business leaders.

#### Dinner

Makers of Playing Cards The Common Serjeant of London and Mr Willie Rushton were the chief guests at a livery dinner of the Company of Makers of Playing Cards held last night at Cutlers' Hall, Mr R.A. Howells, Master. presided. During the evening Mr Rushton presented the company with a pack of playing cards of his own design. Mr M.H. Goodall, Senior Warden, and Mr J.G.B. Watsprather and The Market of Watson also spoke. The Masters of the Fanmakers'. Tobacco Pipe Makers' and Wheelwrights' Comnanies were among the guests.

#### University news

The university has awarded homorary degrees in:

ary degrees in:
Sir Derek Jacobi, Professor Maleolm
Bradbury. Sue McGrepor, Delia
Smith, Rabbi Julia Neuberger, Sir
Harr; Ojanogls, Professor Sir James
Holt, Dr. Peter North, Professor Tom
Blundell, Professor Emeritus John
Mallard, Professor Keith Sir Peters,
Sir Milard, Professor Keith Sir Peters. Sir Michael Angus, Sir Jim Lester, MP. Christine Bowering and Mr John Cunningham. A posthumous honour was awarded for Dr Edmund Hambly.

#### Reception

Lord Sudeley Lord Sudeley, a member of the Governing Council of the Manorial Society of Great Britain. was the host at a reception held last night at the House of Londs for members of the society. Mr Robert Smith, chairman, presided.

Among those present were:
The Marquess of Heriford, the Earl and Couriess Temple of Stowe, the Earl of Shunnon, Viscount Cormanston, Lord and Lady De Freyne, Lord Montagu of Beautieu.
Sir Sydney Chapman, MP, Sir Colin Cole, Lady Grundy, Mr and Mrs R. Abbots, Mr J Brown, Mrs J H

Burnett, Mr M J Burnon, Miss M Corder, Mr D de Aspey, Mr N J Deva, MP, Mr and Mrs W J Dougan, Mrs E Downer, Dr and Mrs M N Eakins, Mr J Hardwick, Mrs J Harris, Mr G R Horne, Mr P Jennings, Mr Y Kawal, Mr R A Lescott, P Liddle of Glisland, Dr P Magauran, Mr A R Maudsley, Dr M Monjan, Mr D Nicholson, MP, Mr M Orr, Mr C Robinson, Mr R Rozano, Mr W C Rumley, Mr and

#### Birthdays today

Mr Peter Attenborough, former Headmaster, Charterhouse, 58; Sir John Beith, diplomat, \$2; Mr Den Dover, MP. 58: Mrs Margaret Dupont, tennis champion, 78; Dr Chris Fay, chairman, Shell UK, 51: Brigadier Anne Field, former director, WRAC, 70; Mr J.M. Fleming, former chairman, Vauxhall Motors, ba; Mr Trevor Griffiths, playwright, 61: Lord inchyra, 61: Earl Jelicoe, FRS. 78: Mr Gregory Knight, MP, 47: Colonel Sir Bryce Knox, former Lord-Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran. 80: Mr Richard Mansell-Jones.

chairman, J. Bibby and Sons, 56: Professor David Melville, Vice-Chancellor, Middlesex University, 52; Mr Tim Newell, Governor, Grendon prison, 54; Mr Paul Parker, lootballer, 32: Mr Barry Reamsbottom, general secretary, CPSA, 47: Mr Ian Robertson, director, National Army Museum. 53: Mr Dave Sexton, football manager, b6; Dame Catherine Tizard, former Governor-General of New Zealand, 65; Professor George Wedell, former directorgeneral, European Institute for the

#### Queen's Counsel

The Queen has approved the appointment of six Queen's Coun-sel honoris cause and 66 new Queen's Counsei.

Queen's Counsel honoris causa: Professor Carol Rhian Harlow: Professor Bob Alexander Hepple; Dr David Arthur Thomas; Michael Campbell Blair: Professor John Hamilton Baker, Michael Lawrence Saunders. Oueen's Counsel:

Roger John Ellis (G): Michael Burn Tillett (I): Miss Sonia Woodley (G): Arthur William Stevenson (L): Richard Mervyn Price (G): Stephen Oliver-Jones (I): Alan Howard Jeffreys (G); Peter Eric Kyte (G); John Joseph Coffey (M); Howard Lownds Bentham (G): Alastair Richard Malcolm (I): Patrick Charles Upward (I): Peter

Christopher Rouch (G). Nicholas Mark Lowe (G); Philip Peter Shears (M); Thomas Alun Jenkins (L); Charles Nathan Salmon (I); Robert Jervis Kay (L); Salmon (I): Robert Jervis Ray (L):
Richard Henry Jones (I): Lord
James Meston (M): David Paul
Fisher (G): Jeffrey Vincent Pegden
(I), Ian Douglas Glen (G): Andrew
Hugh Munday (M): Edward Peter
Lawless Faulks (M): the Hon
Bernard Richard Weatherill (M): lain Hamilton-Douglas Hughes
(I): Miss Rosamund Horwood-Smart (I): Graham Eric Morrow (L); Paul Richard Garlick (M); Stephen Howard Bellamy (L); Patrick Gerard McCahill (G); Stephen Paul Stewart (M); Alan Toby Hedworth (I).

Richard Dudley Lynagh (G): Andrew James Robertson (M): Michael Harcourt Kent (M): Roger John McCarthy (G&L); Simon Rubert Crookenden (G): David William Hatton (G); David John Morgan Aubrey (M): Benjamin James Browne (I): Martin John Pointer (G): Robert Frank Owen (G): Timothy Victor Holroyde (M): Francis Gary Burrell (1): William Greville Sale Massey (M): Jona-than James Acton Davis (I): Timothy Derrick Straker (G): Timothy Nicholas Young (G): Richard Spearman (M).

Martin Russell Thomson Howe (M); John Constant Shannon Mc-Burney Brisby (L): David Stephen Brandon (G): Miss Janet Mary Turner (M): Christopher Howard Pymont (G): David Railton (G): John Peter Rowland (M): Richard Michael Sheldon (G): Philip Vin-cent Boulding (G): Alexander Michael Silverleaf (G): Keith John Lindblom (G): Ali Malek (G): Miss Clare Patricia Montgomery (G); Mark Steven Howard (G); Kevin Juhn Prosser (L).

Letters in brackets indicate the Inn of Court from which each applicant was called: M - Middle Temple; I - Inner Temple: G - Gray's Inn: L -

#### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Grinling Gibbons, wood carver, Rotterdam, 1648; Sir William Sigmens, inventor, Lenthe,

DEATHS: Robert III, King of Scotland 1390-1406, Dundonald Castle, Rothesay, 1406; John Napier, inventor of logarithms, Merchiston Castle, Edinburgh, 1617: Oliver Goldsmith. playwright, novelist and poet, London, 1774: John Campbell, philan thropist, co-founder of the Religious Truct Society of Scotland, London, 1840: William Henry Harrison, 9th American President March 4-April 4, 1841, Washington, 1841: Edward Dowden, critic. Dublin. 1913: Sir William Crookes, physicist, discoverer of thallium, London, 1919; Karl Benz, pioneer of the motor car, Paris, 1941: André Michelin, motor tyre manufacturer, Paris, 1941; Zultikar All Bhutto. Prime Minister of Pakistan 1971-77 executed, Rawal-pindi, 1979; Gloria Swanson, ac-

laureate 1964, was assassinated in

DEATRS

AMCLAY - Jean Cord (nice Gladelcon). On April 3rd 1995 and 84 peacetally in hospital. Beloved wife of Roddle, mother of Gillle, Susan, Davina and Joe, fourteer a matchildren, Service Latimer Parish Church 5 pm Wednesday, April 10th. No flowers, denotes a factor provide Latimer P.C.C. (re Seart Price Puneral Service, 13 fill Avenue, Amerikan, Besia, 1974 and, he (01494) 434484,

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control to operate all kinds of appliances, which won her a place as a finalist in the senior section of the Young Electronic Designer Awards at the Science Museum yesterday. The awards for the competition, which is open to students aged 12 to 25, were presented at a dinner in the museum last night

#### European **Engineers**

The following United Kingdom engineers have been awarded the qualification European Engineer by the European Rederation of National Engineering Associations (FEANI) entiting them to use the letters Eur Ing as a prefix to their names:

Alderman M. Alkhaddar R. Allen D. Alderman M. Alkhaddar R. Allen D. C. Archibald H. R. N. Ashach-Cullen D. Ash C. Ashmore A. Asim M. Badmus B. Bagnall T. Balfour L. Bannon R. Baskarad J. Belson N. Bharji K. K. Bishop M. Bower R. J. Brand A. J. Brennan G. Brooking M. Brown A. D. Brown T. Browne E. Bryce D. N. Bocknall P. Bulpett M. Bulland R. Butker D. Carney B. M. Cavan N. Chan S. T. Chong L. Y. L. Clark P. F. Cleving P. Cotlins D. Comway A. Cowling P. Cox. A. Crosby. Conway A, Cowling P, Cox A, Crosby G, Cullum R P.

Daw S. Dixon M. Donovan M. Doran N. Downton G. Drummond C. Dudman P. Edmondson D A B. Eppel H., Evatt M., Eves R. Eyre M. Fox M., Garden W., Gatt C A., Gibbs M J E. Goodenough G, Gray A. Greenhalgh R J S, Greenwood D J, Hall I A, Harding G, Hardy F G, Hart D, Hay J, Hayes S, Ho K K S, Hogg P, Holmes R, Horswill M, Hudson M, Hughes C, Hughes D, Humber M.

Hunter M.
Ives M. John J. Johnson J. Joiner G.
Jones C. E. Jones R. E. Jones S.
Jorgensen E. Karpathakis A.
Kerslake J. Kitson R. M. Kotecha S. G.
Lai E. Lake J. Lan P. K. Lee G. D.
Linkens T. Lockett R. Luckhurst K.
Marriott K. J. McCormick J., Mc
Kenna S. McLoughlin D. M. Meaden
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W, Payne D R, Phillips David,
Phillips Douglas, Pike G N, Ponticelli
P, Porazinski R, Price W, Proud J D,
Pye M A, Pywell P, Rabson J,
Rawlings M, Rayner R, Rhodes J W,
Richardson G, Riding C, Riba J,
Roberts Y, Rowe T G, Ryder P,
Sandon C W, Saunders C, Sekton J. Sandom C W. Saunders C, Seldon J. Shirteliff S, Shokrizadeh B. Shute R Shirncliff S, Shokrizadeh B, Shufe R A, Simpson E, Simpson R M, Slender P J, Smalley D, Smith A, Smith C, Smith David, Smith Donald, Smith Simon Jonathan, Smith Stephen, Somerset R J, Spinelli L, Statey L, Storer D, Sutton J, Taylor S, Teather F. Thompson M. Tinson I. Tooks D. Townsend R. Tucker D. Wasson G. Webster S J. Wernham B. Westley T P. Wheatley D. White G J. Whitehouse M. Williams T. Wojtak K, Wong C K, Wong Y K, Woolford P, Wotton P, Zani J.

#### Forthcoming. marriages

Lieutenant Commander J.M.F. Bilson, RN, and Miss M.E. Leighton

The engagement is announced between John, only son of the late Mr Bill Bilson and Mrs Monica Bilson, of Bracknell, Berkshire. and Megan, only daughter of Mr Bernard Leighton and Mrs Marie Leighton, of Wilmington, North Carolina, USA.

Mr R.J.H.McL. Corrie and Miss N.J. Lascelles ,

The engagement is announced between Roderick, son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Corrie, of Wineham. West Sussex, and Nicola, daughter of Commander and Mrs Oliver Lascelles, of Hinton Waldrist, Oxfordshire.

Mr C.J. Dolbey and Miss A.M.K. Fabina

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Captain and Mrs Robert Dolbey, of Easton. Suffolk, and Anouchka, daughter of Mr and Mrs Fabian-Akehurst: Mr LS. Helleweii and Miss S.V. Laxion Mr and Mrs John F. Laxion, of

The Old Barn, Addingham are pleased to announce the engage-ment of their younger daughter Susan Victoria, to Lyndon Stuart, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter J. Hellewell, of Woodhall, Pudsey. Mr.1.1.H. Macdonald-Bodsman and Miss J. Crossley

The engagement is announced between James Iain Harry, second son of - Mr A.J. Macdonald-Buchanan, of Hawkslaw, Cold-stream, and Mrs E. Macdonak. Buchanan, of Inveran, Poolewe, Proceedings and Interan. Ross-shire, and Julia, younger daughter of the late Mr Anthony Crossley and of Mrs Gillian Crossley, of Milima, Gympie, Queensland

Mr S.J. Paine and Miss C.H. Denimon

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Dr and Mrs Robert Paine, of Yealand Convers, Lancashire, and Claire, younger daughter of Mr George Denison and the late Mrs Jessie Denison, of Langham, Rutland.

Mr T.P.C. Raven and Miss G.C. Miller The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Raven, of Pound Ridge, New York, and Lismore, Co Waterford, and Gabrielle, elder daughter of Mr Harvey Miller, of Tenativ, New Jersey, and Mrs Joan Miller, of Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania. The marriage will take place in Woodstock, NY, in

Mr W.J. Staumton and Miss S.J. Ibbotson

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs Edmund Staunton, of Staunton, Nottinghamshire, and Gerald libbotson, of Bamford, Rochdale, Lancashire. Mr J.J. Williams

and Miss K.M.M. Leach The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Colonel and Mrs F.J.K. Williams, The Wirral, Cheshire, and Katharine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Leach, of Kew

#### Marriage

Lieutenant J.P. Kyd, RN, nd Dy K.L. Mead

The marriage took place on Sal urday, March 30, at St Luke's Church, Grayshott, of Lieutenant Jeremy Kyd, RN, and Dr Karen Mead. The Rev Bill Meyer

The bride, who was given away hy her father, was attended by Dr A reception was held at the Tithe

#### Latest wills

TRADE: 0171 481 1982

FAX: 0171 481 9313

She left 11,000 to her gardener and handyman. William 5 Coe, 15,000 cach to the Cancer Research Campaign. Empire Rheumatista Council and British Heart Foundation, £1,000 to Desborough Congregational Church, and the residue to Echantiable Louis.

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1996, to Virginia (née Burrows) and Henry, a DAVEY - On 28th March at The Portland Hospital, to Lindsay and Ted, a son, ling, a proper for Oliver

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FIETH - On 20th March 1990, to Floria (née MacGregor) and Ritch, a daughter, Allos Mary Roddick, a sister for Jamica. HAMPING - On March 30th 1996 in Bath, to Diana (née Jonas) and Serven, 8 sec. Just Lawrence.

LABOUTCH - On April 2nd of The Perland Themilal to Katharina and Merk, a son, Prederick Joseph Clive.

THE BIRTH AND DEATH NOTICES

Easter Holiday period please call during the following times.

Thursday 4th April 9.00am - 12.00 noon Friday 5th April 9.30am - 2.30pm Saturday 6th April 9.00am - 12.00pm Monday 8th April 9.30am - 2.30pm Tel: 0171 680 6880. Fax: 0171 481 9313

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March 27th to Karen and Jonathan, a son, Brooke, 6 weeks seet. Faller and being looked after the library and being looked after the library and looked l

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Santh - On La April 1996, to Sophie (née Hermu) and Hogo, a son. Milo, a brother for Arabeta.

ALEXANDER - On 27th March 1995, and 85, leaked Marry Alexander; painter, naturalist, excitor and grandmother, Memorical of the Friends Medica Henry, et 3 pm on Transday 9th April. Donations, if desired, to Marie Carie Camor Care, Arden Lea, Queen's Driva, Ridey 1829 9QR.

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DEATHS

M Orr. Mr. C Robinson, Mr. R
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Mr. H. Selman, D. Sharpe of
Twynehame, Mr. D. Shaw, Mp. P
Sleigh of Carbury, Miss Sheena
Spargo, Dr. D. Starkey, Mr. M.
Stephen, Mp. G. D. Teall of Hundy,
Miss J. Tokley, Mr. R. D. TurngliClark, M. Urquhum of Leyny and Mr.
K. Wallis.

Germany, 1823.

tress, New York, 1983. Francis Drake was knighted by Queen Elizabeth I on board The Golden Hind on his return from circumnavigating the world, 1581. Gold was discovered in the Yukon,

North Atlantic Treaty was signed in Washington by II nations, 1949. Martin Luther King, Nobel Peace Memphis, Tennessee, 1968.

Maundy Thursday

\*\*RIEMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 7.18

MP: 7.30, 1.10 HC: 10.30 Choral

Euch & Blessing of Oils, Kelly in C.

Ubi caritas (Durufle), The Bishop:
7.30 Choral Euch of Maundy &

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7.30 Choral Euch (Rife B). ASO Entra EUCH (Kife B).

CANTERBURT CATHEDRAL: HC:
11 Euch, Blessing of Oils & Renewal
of Ordination, Yows, The Bishop:
3.30 The Thursday Candle; 5.30 E:
7.30 S Euch & Stripping of Altar,
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CAPILSE CATHEDRAE: 11 Euch & Renewal of Vows; & Blessing of Oils, The Bishop: 7.30 S Euch & Washing of Feet. Missa Brevis: (Palestrina). Ubi caritas (Duruflé).

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAE: 5.10 HC: 12 Euch & Blessing of Oils & Renewal of Ordination Promises. The Bishop: 5.15 EP: 7.45 S Euch of the Last Supper, Washing of Feet & Watch. Ubi caritas (Duruflé). Gloria Uackson). Messe Basse (Faurle, If ye

the Last Supper, Washing of Feet & Walch. Ubi Carlas (Duruffé). Gioria Jackson!. Messe Basse (Faure). If ye love me (Tallis). Christu factus est (Bruckner). The Dean.

CHILINESTER CATHEDRAL I Mi. 5.30 E. 6 S Euch. Aetema Christi Munera (Palestrins). Ave verum (Byrd). Fr A Mayoss.

CÖVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.30 Liturgs: 10.30 Euch of the Blessing of the Oils & Renewal of Ministerial Vows, The Bishop: 12.40 Midday Prayer. I Communion: 1.10 Roman Catholic Mass: 5 EP. 7.30 Maundy Euch. Deus genitor. A new commandment (Wright), Wash me throughly (Wesley). Christu factus est (Bruckner), Rev D Urguhart, followed by Vigil until Good Friday. HURHAM CATHEDRAL: 1.30 HC. with Blessing of Oils. The Bishop: 12.30 Prayers for peace and Justice; 5.15 EP. 7.30 HC. Missa brevis (Walton). Ubi caritas (Duruffé). Drop drop slow lears (Walton). Canon S Pedley.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 5.30 EP. 8 Euch & Stripping of the altar, Missa brevis (Palestrina). LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 2.40 MP. 8 LEC 18 Finch & Blessing of MP. 11 HC. With Sissa brevis (Walton).

altar, Missa brevis (Palestrina),
LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.40
MP: 8 HC: 11 Euch & Blessing of
Olls: 9.30 EP: 7.30 Maundy Euch,
Laudes, From heaven you came
(Kendrick), My song is love
unknown (Archer),
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.40 M; 8
HC: 11.30 S Euch & Blessing of Olls,
A Communion Service (Rutter), The

Bishop; 5.15 E, Short Service (Ayleward). It is a thing most wonderful (Ireland); 7.30 S Euch & Stripping of the altar, Mass for three voices (Byrd).

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Diocesan Euch and Biessing of Oils: 7.30 Euch of the Lord's Supper.

Church services today

Supper.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 6.50.
7.30. 9.15 H Euch: 7.30 Yr Offeren:
11 Solemn Euch & Blessing of Oils.
E Short Service (Tallist, Trists est
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the Lord's Supper. Washing of Fee.
Procession to the Altar of Repose &
Stripping of the Altar. Rev M
Davies, Tolkowed by The Warch of
the Passion. NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 11
Blessing of Oils: 1:30 Litungy of the
Lord's Supper, Missa Aeterna
Christi Munera (Palestrina): Ave
verum corpus (Penalosa), Stripping
of the altars. Bishop K Gill.

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Euch with Blessing of Oils; 7 S Euch with Stripping of Altar. Mass for four voices (Byrd). Ave weram corpus (Byrd).

four voices (Byrd), Ave verum corpus (Byrd).

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL:
10.30 Euch & Renewal of Ordination. Missa brevis in D minor (Mozari). Blessed are those servants (Moerani): 5.30 E: 8 Euch followed by Wasten of the Passion until Midnight, Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd). Ubi caritas (Dunfile). Carion E Buchanan.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 7.30 Worship with HC: 11 Euch of Chrisma & Realfirmantion of Vows, Mass of St Thomas (Thorne), Right Rev D Stanctiffe: 5.30 E. Faurbourdons (Byrd). O saviour of the world (Ouseley): 7.30 Euch of the Lord's Supper. Washing of Feet. Wasten of the Passion, Very Rev H Dickinson Ubi caritas (Durufie), If ye love me (Tallis). Ave verum corpus (Byrd). Rev Dr J Cullen.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP: 8 Euch: 11 Euch and Blessing of Oils. The Bishop: I Euch: 5.45 EP. 7.30 Uiturgy of the Last Supper and Watch of the Passion. O vos Onnes (Casals), Canon C Smith.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER: 7.30,9.45 HC: 8 MP: 11 Euch, Renewal of Ministerial Vows & Blessing of Olls. Canon L Morkey: 5.45 E. The Short Service (Weelkes). Verily verily I say unto you (Tallis): 8 Euch & Washing of the Feet. Sumsion in F. God so loved the world (Stainer). Sister Monica.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC: 12 Diocesan Chrism Euch: 5.30

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ALL SAINTS. Margaret Street, W1:9 MP: 6 EP: 6.30 High Mass of the Lord's Supper. Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Rev P Johnstone. THE ASSUMPTION. Warwick Street, Wi: 6.30 Missa I hora passa (Viadana). Christus factus est (Bruckner). In the departure of the Lord (Buil). CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 1.10-1.30, Rev S Hood.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON Brompion Road, SW7: 8-9 Maund Thursday HC. Rev 5 Downham. MESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL Chethodisti, SW1: 6.45 Maundy Thursday HC, Rev Dr R Gibbins, ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 6.30 Seder, Lord's Supper & Stripping of ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, ECI: 7.30 pm Commemoration of the Last Supper, Gloria, Messe Cum Jubilo (Durufie), The Rector.

BRIDES, Fleet Street, EC4: 8 30 in the Crypt: 1.15 Choral Each d Stripping of Altar, Darke in ST ETHELDREDA'S, Elv Place: 6 S Mass. Mass for five Volces (Byrd), Ubi caritas (Duruflé). O Sacrum Convivium (D'Evry), Pange Lingua (Palestrina)

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ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2:
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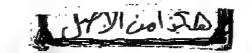
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#### **DBITUARIES**



Dante Giacosa, Italian car designer, died in Turin on March 31 aged 91. He was born in Rome on January 3, 1905.

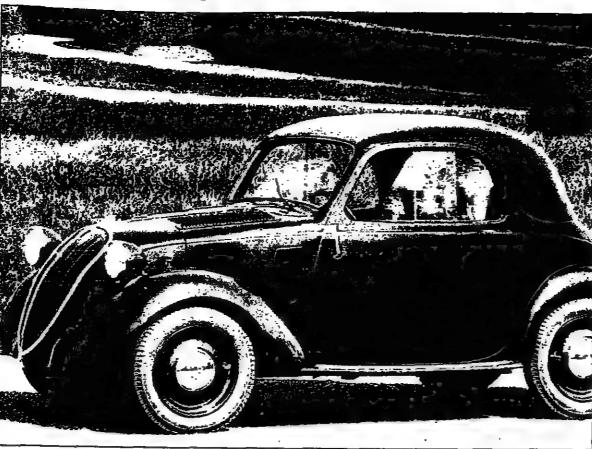
KNOWN almost from its inception as "Topolino" (little mouse). Dante Giacosa's Fiat 500 was to go through many metamorphoses. It became the world's most successful car in the very shall car category, in the forty years following its first appearance on the roads of Italy in 1936. More than four million of these diminutive vehicles were made before the marque was taken out of production in 1975.

Indeed the Topolino seemed almost to become part of the Italian psyche with its ability to negotiate the streets of the country's medieval cities in a manner denied to larger and more macho automobiles - a highly important point, this, in a nation whose young men are not given to walking. especially when escorting the fair sex. Thus, in the narrow, cobbled streets of hundreds of towns and villages between Turin in Piedmont and Trapani in western Sicily, the Fiat 500 had an unassailable position as the urban runabout, able to dash nimbly from café to nightclub with its muted, puttering engine, without much incommoding or irritating pedestrians.

The original car was not strictly speaking a 500, since its engine was in fact 569cc. But it set new standards for small cars in the interwar years, with its four-speed synchromesh gearbox and its impressive hydraulic braking system. It was also remarkably good value, costing the equivalent of less than £100 in Italy in the mid-1930s. It was a similar price in France where it as assembled as the Simca Cing. while in Britain at that time its price was £120. The NSU firm of Germany also offered Flats for sale, in its own body shells.

Although born in Rome, Dante, price which put it within the reach of Giacosa came of a Piedmontese family. and after attending schools in Alba in the northwest of Italy he studied

#### DANTE GIACOSA



Dante Giacosa, left, and the original Fiat 500 of 1936

technic where he graduated in 1927. After military service in the artillery, in 1928 he answered an advertisement in the Turin paper La Stampa and joined the design office of Fiat, where he was initially employed on the development of armoured fighting vehicles for the Italian Army, notably the Pavese tank. Later he was also engaged in the design of aero engines for the Italian

But from 1933 he was involved in the quest to produce a vehicle just over three metres in length, into which two adults and two children could be crammed. It is part of the Fiat mythology that Giacosa presented his water-cooled Zero A design to Giovanni Agnelli, the founder and head of Flat, alongside a competing air-cooled model created by a rival designer. It was Giacosa's great good fortune that the air-cooled vehicle caught fire after a few miles, clearing the way for the future Topolino.

Agnelli had originally stipulated in 1933 that the Fiat should sell for 5,000 lire (the exchange rate for the lira against sterling in those days bore no relation to the astronomical figures we are accustomed to today). When the Fiat Zero A, later re-baptised Fiat 500. came out three years later, it retailed for 8,900 lire, a considerable overshoot of Giacosa's original brief, but still a ordinary people. "I sat myself down to designing with the thought: every worker should have a car. And I

afford," Giacosa was subsequently to

say.

By the time the model was taken out of production it had become something of a cult object, and was collected and honoured by fan clubs around the world. Its creator expressed regret at Fiar's decision to discontinue production, insisting that the model could have been kept alive with relatively minor alterations intended to make it wider and more spacious. A few years ago Fiat presented Giacosa with one of his early 500 models, lovingly restored.

Giacosa followed up the success of the 500 with a range of other models. These tended to become larger and more comfortable as the motoring public became more demanding. The mass August migration of Italians to the seaside was made possible by Giacosa's Fiat 600, the first Italian four-seater with a rear-mounted engine. The designer came up with the shape by creating a life-size plaster model, which he moulded and then chipped away at patiently with a chisel to remove all that was superfluous.

The 600 was followed by the Campagnola, and then by the ubiquitous 127, a very popular model which spawned Yugoslav and Bulgarian versions. The 128 was somewhat larger, roughly analogous to the Ford Escort, and leatured front-wheel drive. The 124 was larger again, a full-size family saloon. It was manufactured in the Soviet Union as the Lada and. ironically, re-imported to Britain at a mechanical engineering at Turin Poly- designed one that everyone could highly competitive discounted price, it by a daughter

became more popular in its Soviet reincarnation than the original Fiat model had been.

Giacosa was also responsible for the small front-wheel drive Autobianchi Primula, the AllI and the AlI2. His bent was always for the mass-market utility vehicle, but he also dabbled in racing car design, coming up, notably, with the single-seater Cisitalia racer.

A tall, distinguished-looking man.

Giacosa disapproved of many of the fripperies, gadgets and buttons that fill the modern motorcar, shaking his head and commenting as he toured the showrooms: "You can get lost in them." Perhaps surprisingly, given the state-of-the-art modernity of Fiat's design and production processes, he was also no great admirer of the computer. aplaining that it restricted creativity. "It is only capable of rapidly verifying the results, not of anticipating them," was always his complaint against those who placed too great a trust in such new technology. Giacosa retired from Fiat in 1975, but

continued to be associated with the car industry at various levels. In Italy he was president of ATA (Associazione Tecnica dell'Automobile), 1965-84, and from 1967 to 1969 he was president of the Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Ingenieurs des Techniques de l'Automobile. He published numerous papers and was the author of an autobiography, My Forty Years of Designing for Fiat.

He is survived by his wife Laura and

## **BRIGADIER ALASTAIR PEARSON**

Brigadier Alastair Pearson, CB, DSO and three Bars, OBE, MC, TD, former Lord Lieutenant of Dunbartonshire, died on March 29 aged 80. He

vas born on June I, 1915.

ALASTAIR PEARSON'S five decorations for gallantry earned him a place in the Guinness Book of Records and a This is Your Life television programme with Eamonn Andrews. His MC and first two DSOs came in North Africa, where he took over the command of the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment, aged only 27, when its colonel was badly wounded. He won his third DSO fighting in Sicily. The young American Dako-ta pilot who was to drop

Pearson over Sicily lost his nerve amid the flak and wanted to turn back. But Pearson drew his revolver and ordered him to fly on, before parachuting from a near-suicidal 200 ft onto the slopes of Mount Etna - permanently damaging his knees. This injury, together with malaria and asthma, prompted the Army to withdraw him from the front line. But General Sir Richard "Windy" Gale got him back to lead the Paras 8th Battalion in Normandy, where Pearson was to win his fourth DSO.

One night in Normandy he rescued troops from a crashed plane, hauling out the injured men onto a farm cart before placing himself, like an ox, between the shafts and dragging them to safety - while he sang Roll Out the Barrel, a signal to his own men near by to hold their fire. Yet, despite his charismatic

leadership, he was never a regular soldier. Born Alastair Stevenson Pearson, the son of a Glasgow grain merchant, he went from Kelvinside Academy to Sedbergh School where he achieved little academically, but distinguished himself in the rugby first XV. Pearson left school during the Depression when few jobs

were available, so joined his uncle at Pearson's Bakery in Glasgow, eventually becoming a director. At the same time he enlisted in the Highland Light Infantry as a Territorial. Despite twice being sent to

France in 1940, Pearson spent much of the early part of the environmental protection of Fiona Stuart



war in Glasgow. It was his search for a more active role which led to his transferring to The Parachute Regiment. His first jump at a press demonstration was immortalised in Picture Post in 1944 he married Mrs

Joan Weld-Smith, a cousin of the actor David Niven and the widow, with two young daughters, of a fighter pilot. Their wedding was arranged for just after D-Day but security was so strict that Pearson could not warn her in advance that it would have to be postponed. It was only when she saw the planes flying over that she realised that her groom could not turn up. They made it three months later while he was on leave from France.

Turning down a regular commission after the war, Pearson returned briefly to the bakery but the damage to his lungs during the war had brought on asthma and he could no longer cope with the dust. So he and his wife became farmers, acquiring 250 acres beside Loch Lomond where they taught themselves to rear sheep and cattle.

Pearson resumed his parttime career in the Territorial Army, raising the 15th (Scottish) Banalion of The Parachute Regiment in Glasgow and commanding the Army Cadet Force in Scotland. His interests included the

to procure the loch's first rescue boat several years ago. He was also a familiar figure at Burns nights and local Highland Games.

He was made a Deputy Lieutenant for Glasgow in 1951 and for Dunbartonshire in 1975, then Lord Lieutenant for Dunbartonshire, 1979-90. He also held the honorary title of the Keeper of Dumbarton Castle and took special pride in being made a freeman of Dumbarton, an honour once conferred on Robert Burns. Pearson endeared himself to

Dunbartonshire through his lack of pretension. He re-mained a hard-working farmer who never lost his Glasgow accent and was happiest in old clothes, gossiping in his local pub. Many resented the fact that he was not knighted. A resourceful mechanic, he

never invested in new cars and flew his pennant from a battered and rusting old Marina. On the occasion of one royal visit it was rumoured that a policeman was quietly detailed by his superior to "park the Lord Lieutenant's car round the corner out of His wife Joan died three

years ago and Alastair Pearson is survived by his daughter and two stepdaughters, whom he brought up as his own. His daughter is the international horsewoman

music. Gaye became addicted

to the charms of the English

countryside, and what he re-

garded as the quaint English

class system. He enjoyed, too,

the idea of getting right away

from those hangers-on who

followed him around in Amer-

ica. Spending his weekends in Wiltshire allowed him to enter

a very creative final period of

songwriting before his death in 1984, when he was shot.

#### LADY EDITH FOXWELL

Lady Edith Foxwell. society hosters, died on March 31 aged 77. She was born on June 11, 1918.

LADY EDITH FOXWELL was the exotic product of a distinguished Irish family, and herself a public relations consultant, and part-owner of the Embassy Club in Bond Street during the early 1980s. Marvin Gaye was one of a string of chaperones who accompanied her on her straw-berry-daiquiri fuelled forays into café society nightlife. Tabloid editors, amused at the incongruity of her position, dropped her courtesy fittle as as earl's daughter and re-

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named her the Queen of the in 1946 he should have been Edith Sybil Lambart, as she

was before her marriage, was born into a public spirited family. She was the only child of Captain the Hon Lionel Lambart, the second son of the 9th Earl of Cavan, who was master of the Beaufort Hunt and who raised his daughter in quiet country pursuits. Her mother, an American, was a Whitney, one of the family which built the railroads in America. Her uncle was Field Mar-

shal the Earl of Cavan, a corps commander on the Western Front in the First World War. When the Field Marshal died

succeeded by Edith's father. But he had been killed in action in June 1940, when his yacht - which had already rescued many troops from the beaches of Dunkirk - was torpedoed.

Had Edith been a boy, she would in 1946 have become the 11th Earl, but instead the title passed to her uncle, the Venerable the Hon Horace Lambart, Archdeacon of Salop and Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral. Because of this, in 1947, King George VI gramed Edith the title, rank and precedence of daughter of an earl. Whereas this is quite frequently granted to a sister, Lady Edith's case was Edith was educated by gov-

ernesses, and had grown into a beautiful, high-spirited debutante, tall and auburnhaired, when she met her future husband, Ivan Foxwell. in 1937. She never received an official proposal but assumed in her confident manner that they would marry, and so they did in 1940.

After the war Foxwell resumed his career in films, and went on to make many excellent British films of the 1950s and 1960s, among them The Colditz Story and A Touch of Larceny. He and his photoge-nic wife became one of the

most glamorous couples in London. They had two daughters, and divided their time between Belgravia and Lady Edith's family home, an Elizabethan manor house at Sherston in Wiltshire. Lady Edith adapted well to the different demands of the film world, but she never severed her ties with her old friends. She had the distinction of introducing Margaret Sweeny to the Duke of Argyll.

Lady Edith's name was often to be found in society columns of the 1950s and 1960s. She was a vivacious woman who liked talking to the press at her husband's film launches, and who could always be relied upon for some little quote or anecdote to enliven a journalist's copy. She organised many of these premieres, some of them royal premieres — as for example with The Colditz Story and Decline and Fall — and became an accomplished hostess.

After her amicable divorce in 1975, her name came to feature more often in the pages of the tabloid press. The reason for this was her sudden conversion to the attractions of disco-dancing at London nightclubs, which she would visit in figure-hugging gold lame outlits. She was a public relations director and shareholder in the Embassy Club.



which Princess Margaret used to visit in Bond Street.

There was also her predilection for forming romantic the singer Marvin Gaye. Inattachments with younger

black men - some of them

bizarrely, by his father. Gaye's Sexual Healing album was written during those weekends in Wiltshire. Lady Edith's other house guests might include Wayne Sleep (who often stayed in town at her flat in Fulham), Gareth Hunt; Christopher Lee and Paul Getty. She organised a carnival at Sherston every year, which Joan Collins and James Mason, another friend;

used to open.
Lady Edith refused to bow to old age or illness. Soon after a cataract operation she was spotted in flippers, snorkelling in the Pacific. "Far better to grow old disgracefully" was her philosophy. She continued to keep up her career in public relations and in 1989 she launched London's new Yacht

She is survived by her two daughters, the younger of whom. Atalanta, married at a very young age the photogra-pher Prince Stefano Massimo.

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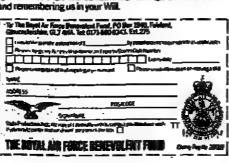
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#### IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION

There stands in Coffee County, Alabama, a monument to the boll weevil for its services to civilisation by making men think. The citizens of the County, in a part of the States where rest is not undervalued, realise that but for the problems set by the boll weevil they would never have made headway in agricultural science or learnt what clever things can be done with crops and fields. So they have raised a monument to the cause of their progress, and have shown themselves in line with the latest physiologists, who teach that it is by reacting to stimuli that in themselves are more or less lethal that human bodies grow in

Rightly viewed there is no more inspiring spectacle than obstacles which have been overcome, and the monument in Coffee County ought not to be the last of its kind. Cynics may say that the principle is already recognised and that the public men whose images adorn our

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**April 4, 1931** 

Boll weevil: snout-nosed beetle that is a serious pest throughout the southeastern United States ... capable of destroying as much as 30 per cent of the entire cotton crop. Wide range of organic chemicals available for frequent spraying - Encyclopedia Americana.

great towns have all had a great deal of the boli weevil about them. They have stirred up dormant energies in their fellows by being energetic nuisances. Certainly the House of Commons found OLIVER CROMWELL as destructive an intruder as any boll weevil in Alabama, but he has his great statue in the very precincts of Parliament. All this may be conceded and it still remains true that there is no public recognition of the major forces which have made us what

we are. The Venetians paid due respect to the sea, if an annually repeated marriage ceremony is really a compliment, but there is in England no monument to the Channel in recognition of its sustained if imperfectly successful efforts to keep foreigners at a distance. Something imposing on Shakespeare Cliff, to be seen by wayfarers during moments when they are tempted to forget all the advantages of being an island, would look well and would stamp England as an appreciative place.

It is quite unnecessary to be dead to have a monument. The qualification is not mortality but significant achievement. The climate has enjoyed enormous influence, and those who are least dissatisfied with the characters of their fellow countrymen will be the first to subscribe generously to a monument which will show that we know to what we owe some of our more sterling qualities. The sun has from the earliest time found worshippers such as the English climate has never attracted.

# THE TIMES TODAY

#### NEWS

#### Yard foils £5m kidnapping

■ A Greek shipping magnate told how he feared for his life as he was kept blindfold and drugged in a cupboard for nine days by armed kidnappers demanding a £5 million ransom.

George Fraghistas, who had been abducted close to his London home on March 24, was found after a huge police operation that led to the arrest of four men. He was "very disturbed, worried, upset and frightened".....

#### Ministers attack 'unhelpful' Europe

■ Ministers attacked Britain's "unhelpful" European partners for refusing to lift the worldwide ban on beef products as the Government confirmed plans for a selective slaughter of 4.6 million older cattle. Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, threatened to take legal action over the "unjustified" European Union ban on British beef .. Pages I, 2

#### Sentencing reform

Michael Howard unveiled the most far-reaching sentencing reforms this century and promised tough American-style prison terms for persistent burglars and offenders convicted of repeated violence..... .. Pages 1, 8, 9

#### Croatian aircrash

An aircraft carrying Ron Brown, the American Commerce Secretary and a delegation of American industrialists crashed in stormy weather off the Croatian port of Dubrovnik ...... Page I

#### Teachers' demand

The most moderate of the big teaching unions issued a nearunanimous demand for the Government's school inspection system to be scrapped......Page 2

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The £3 billion stock market flotation of the Woolwich Building Society has been put in jeopardy by the departure of Peter Robinson. its chief executive ..... Page 1

#### Round-world arrests

A British couple in their sixties appealed for help after the Eritrean navy interrupted their 13-year circumnavigation of the globe by boarding their yacht and putting them under house arrest.. Page 5

## Baby allowed to die

A baby will have her life-support machine switched off to end what a judge called "almost living

#### Fast funerals

Mourners should no longer expect a hearse to be driven at a respectful speed or even stick to the 30mph limit, the funeral ombudsman said ......Page 10

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A study of nearly 19,000 Americans who suffered a variety of Illnesses after serving in the Gulf conflict found no evidence of Gulf War syndrome..... .. Page 13

#### Hilter's orders

A former SS captain accused of organising a Nazi massacre of Italians during the Second World War said that the atrocity was ordered by Hitler ..... Page 14

#### Ukraine support

John Major will spend a day in Ukraine before arriving in Moscow for the nuclear safety summit. His talks are intended as a signal that Britain is committed to a free Ukraine..... .. Page 15

#### Neo-Nazis jailed

Five leaders of South Africa's neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) were each sentenced to an effective 26 years' imprisonment for their roles in a bombing campaign ..

#### Amb fears

Arab states will be crippled by instability and a worsening crisis of identity unless entrenched rulers increase political freedom, according to a senior British ..... Page 17

#### Dial KO for knock-out

Hong Kong police are blaming a rising number of knockout punches on the mobile phone. With one in six adults now carrying a phone, hardly a week goes by without someone suffering a cordless crack across the head. "You could say it's the weapon of choice," said Ray Pierce, the deputy district commander of Mong Kok police station ...... ... Page 17



Devon Tory MPs (from left) Sir Peter Emery (Honiton), Gary Streeter (Plymouth, Sotton). Anthony Steen (South Hams), Dame Janet Fookes (Plymouth, Drake) and Rupert Allason (Torbay), demonstrating their support for the British beef industry at lunch yesterday

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Cricket: Alan Lee says the election of Ian Botham, the people's favourite, as an England selector would not resurrect the national team's

Golf: Colin Montgomerie leads the European task force warming up for the Masters next week by taking on the Americans in the BellSouth Classic ...

Rowing: As the Boat Race build-up continues, John Bryant argues that the magic would be destroyed by any further moves towards "cheque-book rowing"..... Page 46 Rugby league: London Broncos play their first home match of the

Super League campaign when they take on Paris Saint-Germain at The Valley, the home of Charlton Athletic, tonight,

#### Small triumph: Made on a shoestring budget, Gillies MacKinnon's Small Faces superbly evokes a boyhood on the tough streets of 1960s'

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Bright new dramatist: The Bush Theatre in London "has discovered yet another striking dramatist who only a few years ago was bouncing

about his playpen," writes Benedict

Nightingale of the 26-year-old Samuel Adamson ......Page 36 Penguins for pennies: Today, Penguin Books publishes its first samplers of children's classics at 60p

Wonderful Copenhagen: A magnificent new museum will be one lasting legacy of Copenhagen's year as "Cultural Capital of

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**■ FASHION** New York's newest: Iain R. Webb on the best of American style

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About 160,000 residents of Hong Kong lined up this week to get a British National Overseas passport. What do these people know that the rest of the world ought - Wall Street Journal

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Preview: Dr Alfred Kinsey was the catalyst for a sexual revolution. Reputations (BBC2, 9pm) Review: Peter Barnard remembers Barry Bucknell, king of DIY ......Page 47

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#### The protection paper

The state should never be eager to plunder pockets but its first duty is to protect the innocent. Prison may not always reform but it protects; and protection is what the public demands and deserves \_\_\_ Page 2!

#### Back in Ukraine

The more Russian nationalists rail at Nato for electoral advantage, the more Ukraine understands its neighbours' anxiety to creep under the Alliance umbrella ...... Page 21

#### Blue moon

Forest-dwelling baddies (with names like Gagool and Twala) are about to chop the heroes up, or to boil them in oil, when our man says "Not so fast, you fiends, or I'll take 

#### WILLIAM REES-MOGG

French attitudes are swinging even further towards what could be called a social fortress Europe. These social market policies have produced Europe's unemployment rate of over 11 per cent. The single currency would cement this high unemployment in place and extend it to Britain. It would make Eurosclerosis incurable...... Page 20

#### PAUL HEINEY

When it comes to making milk and meat, cows know best; and although Buttercup has warned us, we have ignored the signs which were telling us that she thought things were not right ...... Page 20 PETER RIDDELL

The chances of British participation in a European single currency have been made more, rather than less, likely as a result of yesterday's carefully crafted compromise on a referendum ... ... Page 12

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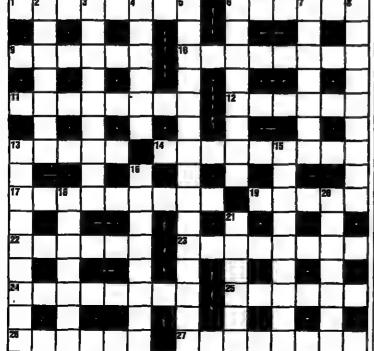
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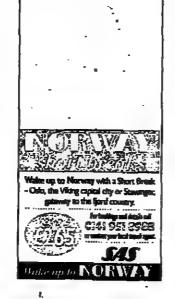
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Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly dry, and sunshine in many places should lift temperatures slightly above normal, rather more so in the Moray Firth area, increasing cloud and freshening southerly winds may bring some rain to the Western Isles later.

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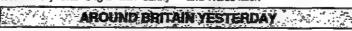
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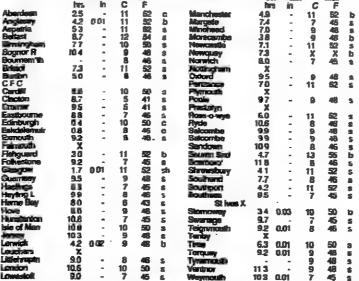
☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: dry and bright with sunny periods. Wind south or southwest light or moderate. Rather warm in places. Mex 10-12C sunny intervals at first, cloudy later, perhaps some drizzle. Wind south or southwest moderate becoming iresh.

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CI NW Scotland: becoming cloudy, some rain or drizzle and hill fog later. Wind south moderate becoming fresh or strong. Max 9C (48F). ☐ Outlook: mainly dry at first but

some showers likely over England and Wales later.





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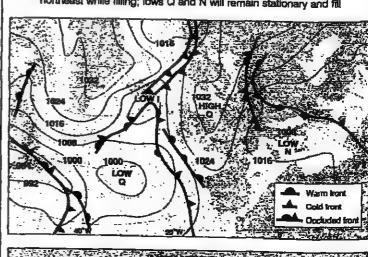
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A welder at the Harland & Wolff shipyard works on a section of the BP vessel. The yard has won a £100 million contract, confirmed yesterday

# Northern Rock plans flotation bonanza

By Patricia Tehan and Robert Miller

ain's eighth largest building society, has announced plans to turn itself into a bank with will refuse to consider takeover approaches from third

average £1,000 free share giveaway to its one million qualify-

Robert Dickinson, the chairman, said the move was intended to keep predators at. bay. He said the society had not received takeover approaches from third parties

Interest-free

mortgage offer

WEST BROMWICH, another building society widely seen as a hid target, yesterday underlined the cut-throat nature of the mort-

gage market when it launched what is believed to be the first

A discount equivalent to the society's base rate, currently 7.25 per cent, is offered for the first six

months of a loan, followed by a discount of 2 per cent for a further

The offer is available on mort-

gages and remortgages of up to 75

per cent of the purchase price. The society said it had already received a large number of enquiries from

borrowers. Pennington, page 27

interest-free home loan.

consider them should it do so. He rejected the suggestion that by seeking to convert to effectively putting itself up for received an approach it would refuse to put any deal to its 1.3

Northern Rock decided to give up its mutual status after an approach from JP Morgan, estment bank, last August. JP Morgan suggested an unusually structured move that would help the society to retain its independence and make it less attractive to potential predators. The society started serious work on the deal, codenamed "Swede" because of similarities with Sweden's Swedbank arrange-The society plans to set up a

Northern Rock Poundation, to support causes mainly in the North East of England. The new Northern Rock bank plans to agree to cove-

pre-tax profits to the foundation, which based on last year's figures would have been £7 million.

In a defensive move, the foundation will receive non-voting, non-dividend paying shares in the new bank that in a takeover woold convert into 15 per cent of the ordinary share capital of the company. Many analysts, however, pointed out that there was no

hostile bidder prior to the society joining the stock market, when it will be protected for five years. Christopher Sharp, Northern

Rock's managing director, said: "I have no doubt that members will endorse this scheme. It not only benefits them, but the wider community."

Mr Dickinson said that by becoming a bank, Northern Rock would escape "restric-tive" building society legislation and gain freedom in its capital-raising activities. Leo Finn, deputy managing direc-tor, said this would increase freedom for making acquisimortgage books.

The change of status would also benefit the wider community through the foundation, expressing the society's said Mr Dickinson, as well as benefiting members through the free share distribution.

He said there were no plans to become an "all singing all dancing" financial services provider, and that the new bank would concentrate on its core mortgage market. It has society, having taken over the North of England Building Society in May 1994.

About 750,000 investing members with at least £50 in their accounts on April 2 and at least £100 on December 31 this year and 250,000 borrowers will qualify for the share giveaway. Although the terms have not yet been finalised, it seems likely that there will be

a flat distribution of shares.

Details of the conversion plans will be posted to members early next year and they will be asked to vote on the plans in spring 1997. At least 20 per cent of qualifying members must vote and at least 75 per cent of the votes must be in favour of the deal.

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# Two Forte hotel chiefs check out

By MARTIN WALLER before any sale. Also leaving is

Richard Carrick, marketing

director for the entire hotels

division. He has quit for "personal and family rea-

Airtours, the package holiday

business, he has decided not to

relocate his family from the

north of England now the

company is under new owner-

ship. He is not thought to be in

Granada had said it would

be selling the upmarket Forte

hotels but executives have

indicated privately recently

that they are in no hurry to

clinch a deal. One possible

buyer is Sir Rocco Forte,

former chairman at Forte,

who is putting together the

finances for an approach.

line for compensation.

GRANADA GROUP, the new owner of the Forte group, has abruptly parted company with two of the most senior executives at Forte's hotels business, much of which is earmarked for disposal under plans made at the time of the E3.9 billion

Randolph Guthrie, former managing director of international business at Meridien and Exclusive, the two upmarket chains that are up for sale, has departed after a disagreement with Granada over a shake-up of the business to be announced shortly.

He is now on holiday, and talks have yet to start on compensation terms. Mr Guthrie's departure has come as a surprise to the City, which had been expecting Granada to make efforts to keep the old management team in place

#### City regards rate cut as outside bet BY JANET BUSH

CONOMICS CORRESTONDENT

Robert Dickinson, chairman of Northern Rock, announces the society's plans

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, and Eddie George. Governor of the Bank of England, yesterday held their monthly meeting on interest sons", according to Granada. A recent arrival at Forte from rates, with the City seeing a fur-ther rate cut as an outside bet.

They met late in the afternoon, instead of the morning, because of Mr Clarke's engagements relating to the Cab-inet decision to put a referendum on a single currency in an election manifesto. The Bank's first chance to signal a change in rates would be in its usual money market operations to-

day at about 9.30am. Most economists believe that, having cut rates by a quarter point in three of the last four meetings, Mr Clarke and Mr George may want to wait to see whether manufacturing joins consumer spending on an upward trend.

# Clash over report on Lloyd's plan

By JON ASHWORTH

LLOYD'S of London receives a resounding endorsement in an independent report to be published today. But the names' representative who commissioned the report on the reconstruction and renewal (R&R) plan has refused to sign it off, stirring fresh con-troversy at Lime Street.

Alan Porter, deputy chairman of the Lloyd's Names Associations' Working Party, claims Slaughter and May's critique of the R&R plan falls short of its objectives. His refusal to endorse the 80-page report brings him into conflict with Sir David Berriman and Damon de Lazlo, fellow members of the Validation Steering Group, both of whom com-

mend the report's conclusions. The report, copies of which are expected to be sent to names today, concludes that no name would be better off if Lloyd's were to go into run-off. Without R&R, names would have no finality, no end to litigation, no assistance from the central fund, and would be likely to face immediate cash calls. It also confirms that Equitas will offer names more certain "finality" than was recently thought possible.

Mr Porter said the report's terms of reference bore little resemblance to those originally proposed. However, Sir David said it confirmed Lloyd's was on the right track. Separately, the Association

of Lloyd's Names has called on Lloyd's to put plans by Murray Lawrence, a managing agency, to merge seven syndicates from the beginning of 1997 on hold until permission has been sought from

# Hundreds of jobs saved as BP project wins go-ahead

By Nicholas Watt and Carl Mortished

HUNDREDS of jobs will be saved in Northern Ireland after BP received the go-ahead by the Department of Trade and Industry for a new oil development. The £900 mil-Schiehallion oilfield is part of the huge frontier oil province in the Atlantic, west of Shet-

land and Orkney.
The project will save the jobs at Harland & Wolff after the Belfast shipyard announced yesterday that it had won a £100 million order to build the world's largest floating oil production vessel.

Schiehallion development will include a satellite field. Loyal, jointly owned by reserves of 85 million barrels 425 million barrels. BP anticithe fields of 142,000 bpd.

BP said yesterday that UK companies would account for 80 per cent of the development work. Atlantic Frontier Alliance, which has been awarded the contract and includes Brown and Root, Harland & Wolff, Single Buoy Mooring and Coffexip Stena, will design and build a £400 million floating production storage and offloading vessel (FPSO) capable of storing 900,000 barrels of oil.

The development will involve 29 seabed wells in four now that the situation has through subsea pipelines and risers into the FPSO. The vessel will be permanently stationed at sea and a shuttle operation will transport the oil every four to six days. BP said tankers could transport oil directly to Rotterdam or to terminals at Sullom Voe or

The go-ahead for Schie-hallion, one of the largest developments to be announced in the last decade, Foinaven oilfield in the same area, which is expected to commence production this year at the rate of 80,000 barrels per day,

Harland & Wolff, which has been losing millions of pounds a year, now hopes to become a tion of the floating oil rigs. Harland & Wolff has al-

ready started work on the hull of the vessel. The turret and topside, which are being built on the mainland, will be shipped to Belfast where the £400 million vessel will be fitted out by Harland & Wolff. Tim Eggar, Minister for Industry and Energy, who

approved the development of the Schiehallion oilfield, said & Wolff had won the order to build the oil production vessel. Speaking at the shipyard yesterday, Mr Eggar paid tribute to Harland & Wolff's workforce and to Per Nielsen. its chief executive.

He said that the shipyard's difficulties in future would be in scheduling new orders, rather than in trying to win

Mr Nielsen said that up to 800 new jobs could be created at the shipyard if it wins further orders to build FPSOs. Asked whether the latest order would mean the yard would break even, he said: "We feel

start to be a little more bright." The announcement at Harland & Wolff came as workers at the neighbouring Shorts plant protested against compulsory job losses in the wake of the collapse of Fokker. Shorts said that there would be 300 compulsory redundancies on top of about 200 voluntary redundancies. A further 540 temporary workers on fixed-term contracts have been sacked.

#### **BUSINESS TODAY**

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London close .... \$394.95 (\$394.75)

Transformed

Siebe, the engineering group. for Unitech, the electronics company, valuing it at £520 million. The deal will establish Siebe as the world's largest supplier of systems. Siebe paid 590p a share last month to Electrowatt, the Swiss utility. for a 25 per cent stake in

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#### Page 30, Tempus 28 Petrol wars

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Evidence that the petrol price war may be nearing its end gave a boost to the big supermarket chains which have been at the sharp end of the forecourt battle. Markets, page 28



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# Building industry welcomes change in bids for projects

THE construction industry yesterday welcomed new Treasury guidelines on the procurement of projects under the umbrella of the Private Finance Initiative, aimed at cutting the cost of bidding and speeding up the flow of deals by setting out a clear framework of best practice.

Martin Laing, chairman of the Construction Industry Employers Council which has been highly critical of the logistics of the PFI rather than the concept, said that he was pleased that the Government had listened to so many of the construction industry's sug-

FINANCIAL services busi-

nesses are, on average, more

optimistic about the imme-

diate future than at any time

in the past two years. This

optimism is, however, based

on plans to cut jobs, so as to

trim costs, as well as on

hopes that business will rise

The CBI/Coopers & Ly-

(Graham Searjeant writes).

brand quarterly financial ser-

gestions, but urged that the new guidelines be implemented properly to accelerate the number of projects getting under way.

The guidelines were announced vesterday by Michael Jack, Financial Secretary to the Treasury. They include naming departmental champions - usually the minister - who are given the responsibility of seeing projects through; the publication of indicative timetables for each project; inviting no more than three or four bidders to produce full tenders rather than the eight or nine often invited now; the writing

vices survey for March shows a balance of 33 per

cent more optimistic than

three months ago. A balance

of 59 per cent see business

volumes rising this quarter.
A balance of 36 per cent

expect to cut payrolls, with

46 per cent aiming to.

against only 10 per cent

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expecting net recruitment.

Finance sector bullish

the Treasury to prevent having to reinvent clauses for each The CBI also welcomed the

of model contract clauses by

news. Adair Turner, CBI Director-General, said: "The PFI vehicle has had difficulty so far in gathering speed. The new guidelines will help to move it up a gear, putting the right people - ministers - in the driving seat." Mr Jack yesterday said that £4.76 billion of deals under

PFI have now been agreed and announced. A further £300 milion of hospital projects have now got an identified preferred bidder and are yet to oe announced. On top of this, he has identified a further E330 million of examples of imminent projects such as the extension of the Docklands Light Railway and a British Museum Support building. He said that the Government had therefore reached 95 per cent of the E5 billion in projects which was its target. The PFI is a scheme de-

signed to bring private sector money into infrastructure building projects and share public risk with private



#### Goldsmiths seeks Jones bid answer

GOLDSMITHS Group, the jeweller where Jurek Piasecki, is chairman and chief executive, yesterday complained at the lack of progress with Signer's proposed sale of its H Samuel and Ernest Jones

chains (Paul Durman writes). Signet, the business formerly known as Ratners, put its UK jewellery chains up for sale in January. Goldsmiths. which first declared an interest in buying Ernest Jones three years ago, has submitted its bid, believed to be close to £280 million. Goldsmiths was reporting a 41 per cent increase in annual pre-tax profits to £4.5 million. Sales rose 18 per cent to £62.9 million. A 3.3p final dividend in-

bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading creases the total 50 per cent to

#### Bass will need £300m' for takeover

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY AND GREER MORPETH

BASS will need to pay about £300 million to acquire Carlsberg-Tetley, the brewing company, according to industry experts. But there was continuing uncertainty yester-day over the likelihood of a deal, as Bass and Carisberg and Allied Domecq, Carisberg-Tetley's joint owners, all refused to comment on reports that they were locked in talks. Carisberg said last month

that it was not interested in selling its stake. Bass is attracted by the strong Terley and Carlsberg brands and the opportunity for cost savings. Analysts suggested Bass could save around £75 million a year from merging its brewing interests with Carlsberg-

Tetley.

A big hurdle is likely to be the current supply arrange-ments under which Carisberg-Tetley supplies beer to the Allied Domecq tied pub estate at relatively high prices com-pared with the rest of the sector, although the agreement comes up for renewal at the end of the year.

Bass is also likely to face opposition from the Monopolies and Mergers Commis-sion. A deal could also prompt demerger of Allied Domecq's pub retail and spirits division.

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#### TOURIST PLATES

#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## Liberty will not raise bid for The Observer

LIBERTY PUBLISHING, formed by Mohamed Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods, to bid for The Observer, said yesterday that it has no intention of increasing its offer and will attempt to buy other media businesses instead.

Liberty, financed entirely by Mr Al Fayed, bid £15 million for The Observer, then raised it last month to £25 million. The Scott Trust, the charitable body which owns The Observer and The Guardian, rejected the higher offer-because the paper is not for sale. John Dux, Liberty chief executive, said: "We are not considering increasing the bid. We will wait and see what happens " He would not consider. We will wait and see what happens." He would not say which companies Liberty would approach next, but said radio and TV businesses, às well as newspapers, are candidates.

#### Hewden Stuart warning

HEWDEN STUART, the plant-hire group, has given warning that trading this year has begun poorly. Severe weather in February delayed work on many construction projects, adding to underlying difficulties. The company believes that the market may not improve for some time and is prepared for continuing pressure on hire rates. Pre-tax profits rose by 4 per cent, to £36.3 million, in the year to January 31. A 2.55p final-dividend makes 3p. up 8.3 per cent. The shares fell 9p. to 157p.

#### Hella grows in UK

GERMANY'S Hella Manufacturing, which makes car light equipment, is to double its UK production, building a £27 million factory and creating up to 300 jobs over the next five years. The company currently employs 200 people at its UK site at Banbury, Oxfordshire, making rear and signal lamps for Jaguar, Rover, Honda, Nissan and Land Rover. The new factory, which is to produce headlamps, will be near the existing site. Work on the first phase should begin this month.

#### **British Coal sells land**

MORE THAN 7,200 acres of Scottish farm land is being offered for sale by British Coal, in one of the last asset sales by the former state-owned mining company. The 12 packages, including a minture of farms, woodland, and upland grazing, are properties that tenants declined to buy when they were offered first refusal. Much of the land was acquired by the company sither have the company of the land was acquired by the company either because of its opencast mining potential or in relation to underground mining.

#### PowerGen to build plant

POWERGEN is to build a £100 million combined heat and power (CHP) plant for Bruner Mond, the manufacturer of soda ash and alkali chemicals previously part of ICI. The plant, one of the largest CHP schemes in Britain, will generate 120 megawatts of power and 300-400 megawatts of steam for Bruner's Winnington complex in Cheshire. About 500 jobs will be created during construction of the plant, which is destined to begin operations by 1999.

#### Ready for take-off

THE first Boeing 777-200 to be powered by Rolls-Royce Trent 800 series engines enters service with Thai Airways International next month. The B777, the world's largest twinjet, will be used on regional routes within Asia. The inaugural model will shuttle between Bangkok. Hong Kong, and Seoul. Thai ordered eight 777-200s in June 1991, and has expressed interest in six stretched 777-300s. The B777 has a range of 5,500 miles and seats more than 350 passengers.

Votice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of laget SKF will be held at SKF Kristinedal,

Notice of Annual General Meeting

# **Annual General Meeting**

#### Notice of attendance

For the right to participate at the meeting, shareholders must be recorded in the shareholders' register kept by the Securitie Register Centre (VPC AB) by Monday April 15, 1996 and must notify the company before noon on Monday April 22, 1996, preferably in writing, otherwise by telephone, of their intention to attend. (AB SKF, S-415 50 Göteborg, Tel. +46 31 37 26 52) giving details of name, address, telephone and registered shareholding. Where representation is being made by proxy, the proxy form shall be sent before the date of the meeting. Shareholders whose shares are registered in the name of a trustee through the Trustee Department of a bank must have the shares registered temporarily in their own name in order to take part in the meeting. Any such re-registration for the purpose of establishing voting rights shall take place by Monday April 15, 1996. This means that the shareholder should give notice of his/her intention to the trustee in plenty of time before that date. A re-registration fee will normally be payable to the trustee.

- Opening of the AGM.
- Election of chairman of the meeting.
- 4. Election of minutes-checkers.
- Confirmation that meeting has been correctly called.
- Presentation of annual report and auditors' report as well as consolidated financial statements and consolidated
- 7. Resolution on adoption of the income statements and balance sheets and consolidated income statements and consolidated balance sheets.
- Resolution that the directors of the board and managing director are discharged from liability.
- 9. Resolutions regarding distribution of profits.
- Determination of number of board members and deputy members.
- 11. Determination of number of auditors and deputy auditors.
- 12. Determination of directors' fees.
- 13. Determination of auditors' fees
- 14. Election of board members and deputy members.
- Election of auditors and deputy auditors.
- 16. Recommendations on amendment to articles of association.

The board recommends the insertion of the following text under § 6 of the articles of association:

"Should the Board decide that a cash issue of 'A' shares and 'B' shares be made, the owners of 'A' and 'B' shares shall have the right to subscribe to flew shares of the same type in proportion to the number of shares already held (primary preferential rights). Shares which are not subscribed with primary preferential rights shall be offered to all shareholders for subscription (sub-sidiary preferential rights). If there are insufficient shares to cover such applications according to subsidiary preferential rights, such shares shall be allocated among the shareholders in proportion to the number of shares already held and when this is not possible, through lottery.

Should the Board decide to make a cash issue solely of 'A' or 'B' shares, all shareholders, regardless of whether their holding is of 'A' or 'B' shares, shall have the right to subscribe to the new shares in proportion to their existing holding. The foregoing shall not imply any limitation of the power to decide on the cash issue with deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights.

By increasing the share capital through a rights issue, new shares will be floated of each type in proportion to the already existing number of shares of the same type. In this context old shares of a given type will carry the right to new shares of the same type. The foregoing shall not imply any limitation of the power through a rights issue of shares, after due changes in the articles of association, to issue shares of a different type."

(The Board's draft resolution has been made since the Swedish Companies Act now prescribes that, companies where shares of different types have been issued, for example with different voting rights, shall include by the end of June, 1996 a stipulation in the articles of association regulating the right to subscribe in connection with new

Other business

The Board of Directors proposes a dividend for the financial year 1995, of 5 kronor 25 ore per share. It is recommended that shareholders with holdings recorded on April 30 1996 be entitled to receive the said dividend. Subject to acceptance by the Annual General Meeting, it is expected that the Securities Register Centre will send out notices of payment to recorded shareholders and listed depositaries on May 8 1996.

#### **Election of Board members**

Shareholders, who together represent somewhat more than 60 % of the votes for the total number of Company shares, have informed the Company that they recommend for re-election Ordinary Board Members Anders Scharp, Gösta Bystedt, Mauritz Sahlin, Giovanni Mario Rossignolo, Per-Olof Eriksson, Sune Carlsson, Michael Treschow and Peter Angustsson.

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The Board of Directors

# THE SUNDAY TIMES

# NEW LABOUR'S CREEPY, **KOOKY FAMILY**

The movie The Addams Family was a parody of the two-kids-and-a-grandma family unit. Mischief was their pleasure but they conformed strangely to the saccharine norm. So it is with Tony and Cherie Blair and their extended family, suggests Matthew Parris who turns his critical wit to cast New Labour as a dynasty out of step. Find out on Sunday, in the Magazine, who among Labour's modernisers the Columnist of the Year likens to Uncle Fester. Lurch and the Addams children, Wednesday and Pugsley



#### **PLUS: TINA TURNER ON TOUR**

She's 56 and a grandmother. But far from hanging up her microphone she's turning up the heat. We follow Tina Turner on the eve of her gruelling world tour

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☐ A RATHER cruel analysis note on Allied Domecq last week had the company in the corporate equivalent of negative equity; the break-up value of the dog of the drinks sector is actually less than the current share price.

This may or may not be true, but it is a measure of the market's exasperation with Allied since the last big deal, the £1 billion purchase of Pedro Domecq in 1994. This coincided neatly with the collapse of the Mexican market, the most promising for Domeco, and it has all been downhill from there,

not least for the share price.
An equal disaster has been the joint venture between Carlsberg, the Danish brewer, and Tetley, Allied's brewing arm. This was launched in 1993 under the soubriquet "probably the best merger in the world," a clever remark that has come back to haunt the two in the same way that John Gummer must now deeply regret the infamous hamburger photos.
Allied has been desperate to

sell. The sticking point has been the Danes. Whether out of a misguided belief in the virtues of the venture or mere corporate pride, they have been refusing to pass on their half-stake to any buyer of Allied's half. One such, Whitbread, has already walked away. That can only leave Bass,

☐ The bar to Allied's demerger ☐ Seller's market for London hotels ☐ Job cuts the key to financial services optimism

# Great Dane in a manger

because the creepy consolidation that has cut through the brewing industry in recent years means there are now only four big producers, and the fourth, Scottish & Newcastle, is still replete from swallowing Courage.
As to the Danish question, the

latest solution is apparently for Carlsberg to take a minority stake in the merged venture. This will not appeal to Sir Jan Prosser, chairman and chief executive at Bass and not a man keen on dissenting minority voices, but it might have to do. The competition authorities should be the real problem. By all that is decent, Bass

should be blocked from doing a deal that gives it almost 40 per cent of British brewing. S&N/Courage created a 30 per cent force, and that caused enough howis, not least from the likes of Bass. Another merger would create a triopoly control-ling four fifths of brewing. Whitbread coming in third with a distant 14 per cent and in any event more concerned these days with retailing.

But the ways of the Office of Fair Trading are hard to predict. airlines, are now enjoying occu-

The OFT is keener these days on interfering with cosy deals between brewers and pubs. so an unwinding of the agreements for Carlsberg-Tetley to supply Allied's pubs might suffice. This would leave the way clear

for a full demerger of Allied. Pubs and restaurants go one way, doughnuts and ice cream the other. At the core is a collection of drinks brands such as Beefeater gin and Teacher's whisky that the big international drinks groups would die for. But the absence of any firm price mooted for the Carisberg Tetley deal suggests that even this agreement is still some way off.

#### No room at the inn for discounts

THE good news is that the bombs in London have not put off visitors to the capital's hotels and triggered a downslide in the tourist season just getting under way. The bad news is that the hoteliers can now charge pretty much what they want.

London hotels, like the big



pancy rates in excess of 80 per cent. This might not sound too great, almost one empty room in four. In fact, bearing in mind the inevitable "dead nights" like Sunday when no one wants to stay, this means that when you ring up for a room for the night. your chances are slim unless you are booking well ahead.

Gone are the days of massive

discounts, except in the provinces where the business trade is becoming cannier. Instead the London hotels are even taking measures to discourage the deeply unprofitable charabanc trade, whereby large chunks of the hotel are let out at cheap rates to wagonloads of foreign tourists, preferring to concentrate instead on the individual visitor.

All the above is taken from the 10th round-up of the world hotel trade from the broker Kleinwort Benson, now something of an annual treat. Kleinwort's leisure team this time has attempted to calculate the incalculable, and find an index by which the performance of wildly differing hotels groups can be compared. This should allow the way management perform to be separated from and measured against the value of the hotel

assets they are managing.
The first conclusion thrown up is that the Savoy is an excellent collection of hotels, badly run. So far, so obvious; but it is a useful proof of Kleinwort's mathematics. The second is a "could do better" mark against two of the second division operators, debt-

plagued Queens Moat and al-ready deeply unloved Vaux. The third is that Granada knew what it was doing when it paid so much for Forte. The latter's hotels, now Granada's, have underperformed their potential and will improve once the low grade White Hart chain is sold to Regal shortly. The signs are that Granada is not hurrying to sell

the quality hotels it is pledged to dispose of: with two good years at least left for hotels, this looks like another shrewd move.

#### Joys of spring and redundancy

PROSPERITY without jobs may be a rallying cry of the whingeing classes. In financial service businesses, such as banks, building societies and insurance companies, it is an understatement. The latest CBI/-Coopers & Lybrand survey shows the highest confidence rating for two years, yet 46 per cent of firms plan to axe jobs and only 10 per cent aim to recruit. Many of these lost people are

to be replaced by computers in the drive to cut costs. Even training spending, previously a growth area, is now coming under the knife.

From pensions to securities trading, domestic competition is the toughest in memory. This should be good for customers, but only if - some if - managers put service before the bottom line. Even if business grows,

firms need to cut costs. Not that confidence is always justified. At New Year, a net 48 per cent expected better days. Only a net 5 per cent actually saw more business in the first quarter.

Building societies, supposedly the staidest of folk, are actually the most volatile. Year after year, their optimism outshines others. only to descend into deepest gloom when it is not realised. After a near-universal upturn in the past quarter, they are understandably the greatest optimists now. Sadly, however, their eyes shone in five of the past six springs as Easter nesting approached. This time, perhaps they will avoid that seasonal thud into depression.

#### Moving home loans

THIS is all getting too silly. The West Bromwich is now offering a nought per cent mort-gage, which should mean that they give you the money to buy the house and you get to keep 25 years of profits. Nice deal, even in this housing market; but it is, of course, just another marketing gimmick. The West Brom has not found some miraculous way of reversing the gap between what it lends at and what it pays out; the cheap entry for new borrowers will simply be paid for by those whose mortgages are more than six months old.

# **BET** and Rentokil in war of words

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE £1.9 billion takeover battle between Rentokil and intensified yesterday after BET issued a revised profit forecast of £146 million, an increase of 32 per cent on last year.

But Rentokil immediately hit back, describing the fore-cast, made only three days after BET had confirmed the original forecast in a letter to shareholders, as "a farce".

The new figure is £4 million more than the previous estimate of £132 million made on March 21. BET also predicted that earnings per share would amount to 11.1p, a rise of 35 per

would stand at 2.2 times.

John Clark, chief executive of BET, said: "The bid price stands at less than 20.5 times the sector multiple and recognises neither our 20 per cent dividend forecast for next year, nor 35 per cent earnings growth. With this information, it is an easy decision for BET shareholders to dismiss

But Clive Thompson, Rentokil chief executive, said: "The decision to issue a new forecast further undermines BET's credibility. There is no information as to where this late contribution to BET's profit has come from. There are still no details

or key items such as costs and

BET responded by describ-ing the original profit forecast "over-cautious". It added that it was receiving a good response from institutional investors as it continued a round

BET's share price closed up 2p at 205.5p, a record high. Rentokil's share price rose 3p to 362p, valuing the paper offer at 201.6p a share.

BET's forecast is almost certainly its last defence shot as under takeover rules it cannot issue new information after Friday. Rentokil has a

## Jobs will go in MAI and United merger

UNITED News and Media, which yesterday reported its last set of annual results, said the cost of its merger with MAL, the money-broking and media group, would be inflated by some redundancy charges.

The merger went uncondi-tional on Tuesday and the companies' head offices are already being integrated. A spokesman said: "Everthing will be looked at. Obviously.

there will be job losses."
United said that the new group would review its portfolio to achieve greater focus on areas of strength. The speculation, played down by United, is that the Daily Express and the Sunday Express

auction block. In the year to December 31, the newspapers reported an operating profit of £7.3 million, against a profit of £30.8 million in the previous period.

Group operating profits increased I per cent to £145.8 million on turnover that rose marginally to £1.07 billion. After exceptional items and

restructuring charges taken at its national and regional newspapers, the pre-tax profit was £104.5 million, against a profit of £138 million. Earnings per share were 28p, compared with 39.5p.

A second interim dividend of 15.25p, making a total of 23p, unchanged from 1994, is to be paid on April 26.

#### Laird ready to carry on investing

LAIRD, the automotive engineering group, has said that it will continue to invest heavily in its businesses in spite of a slowdown in its markets in the first few months of the current year (Carl Mortished writes).

Laird's pre-tax profit rose 39 per cent, to £66.1 million, last year, when the company invested £108 million in organic growth and acquisitions.

John Gardiner, chairman, said that 1995 was a record year, but the unusually strong start was followed by "lower levels of activity in the second half, which have continued in the opening months of 1996". Turnover rose by 21 per

cent, to £888 million. The dividend rises to 12p. from 11.3p, after earnings of 34.4p (26.3p). Tempus, page 28

# Bid costs will hit **Lloyds Chemists**

LLOYDS Chemists said yesterday that second-half earnings would suffer because of the costs associated with the takeover bids launched by Gebe of Germany and UniChem.

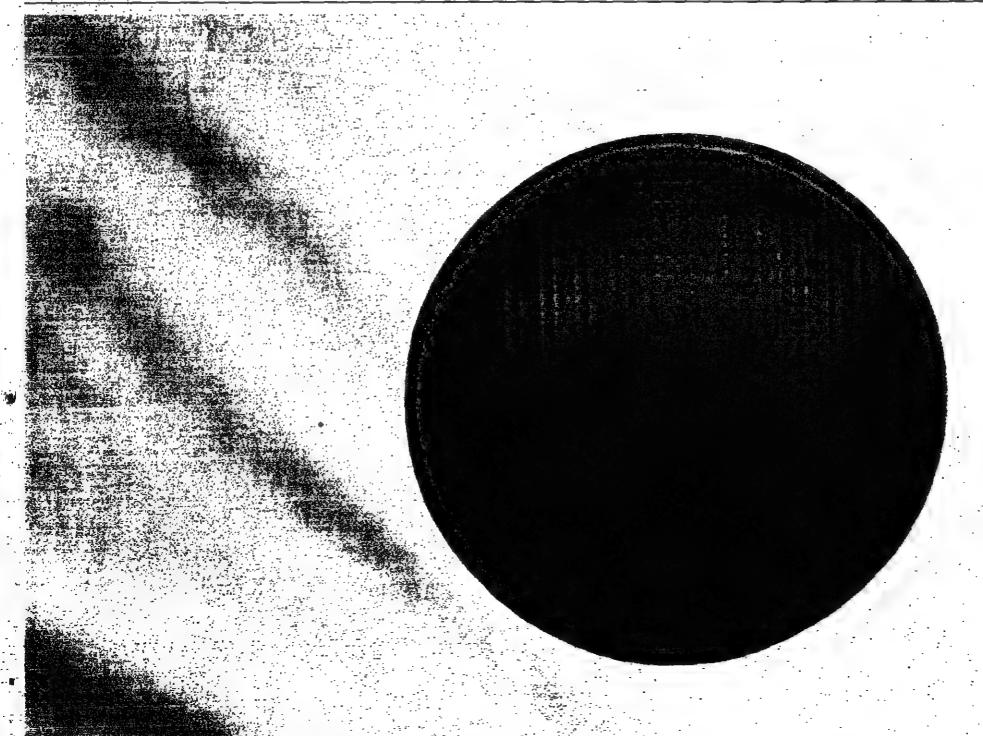
Jonathan Fellows, finance director, said fees for the auditors, lawyers and merchant bankers would total £4 million to £5 million this year. Both bids lapsed after their referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in March. The MMC is due to

complete its investigation in late June, allowing Gehe and Unichem to renew their competing bids. The winner should be known by autumn. Mr Fellows said that Lloyds

had ceased converting Health and Beauty stores in light of the company's uncertain future. Only 37 of the 180 outlets have been refurbished and, as a result, sales in the division have been falling. The company reported pre-

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tax profits of £25.8 million in the half year to December 31, down 2.7 per cent on the previous period. Earnings per share were 13.33p, against 14.04p. The downturn was because of losses on the disposal of surplus property. Operating profits were up 3.4 per cent to £31.2 million on turnover of £562 million, up 2.1 per cent. An interim dividend of 3.1p, up 6.9 per cent, is to be paid on June 7.



#### IT DOESN'T MEAN STOP. IT MEANS GO.

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# Sainsbury boost as petrol price war runs out of fuel

EVIDENCE that the petrol price war may nearing its end gave a boost to the big supermarket chains which have been at the sharp end of the forecourt battle.

The news that J Sainsbury was adding a couple of pence to its petrol prices lifted the shares 4p to 37lp. The group said it had made the move after an easing of conditions in the marketplace. Other suppliers are now expected to follow suit. Argyll, the Safeway group, rose 62 p to 3lop, while Tesco rose 712 p to 274p. Frost Group, the petrol station re-tailer, also stood out with a rise of 19p to 143p.

The impact of the petrol

price war on the supermarket chains has forced analysts to downgrade their estimates for the current year. Brokers are now hoping the companies can make up the shortfall.

The rest of the equity market traded in narrow limits for much of the day with investors taking a cautious view ahead of tomorrow's US non-farm payroll numbers. A sharp opening fall in the Dow Jones industrial average failed to have much impact on the FT-SE 100 index which closed 3.4 eavier at 3,725.1,

Turnover reached almost billion shares swollen by bed and breakfast deals designed to establish losses ahead of the tax year end.

Allied Domecq rose 3p to 500p amid reports that Bass.up 5p at 707p. is ready to buy its troublesome Carlsherg-Tetley joint venture. Brokers say the business could be worth anything between \$200. million and £500 million.

Pearson, the media group that includes the Financial Times. Alton Towers and Penguin books, rose 23p to 701p as almost 5 million shares were traded. Cazenove, the company's broker, has reiterated its buy stance. Pearson has been the subject of bid speculation in recent months as brokers attempt to put a figure on its

break-up value. British Airways failed to benefit from news of a surge in the number of passengers carried, with the price finishing 3p easier at 534p. Passen-ger traffic grew 13.1 per cent during March on the previous ousteri rise in capacity. BA said the figure was achieved with the help of outward bound traffic associated with the Easter holiday.



Vymura's Terry Langstroth and Tom Smail saw shares fall

much-mooted takeover bid for Thorn EMI, with profit taking leaving the price 3Sp down at £18.05. Even so, it remains more than 100p up on the past two days as the speculators continue to dream of a bid from the likes of Sony, the Japanese electronics and lei-

News of the agreed bid by Siebe for Unitech sent shares finished 23p cheaper at \$74p. BET firmed 2p to 30512 p as it continued to try to fund off the unwanted £1.9 billion bid from Rentokil. In addition to forecasting a 20 per cent increase in the dividend during the current year, the group is increasing its pre-tax forecast by a further £4 million to \$140 million. That compares with Ell) million last time.

Note the performance of Saltire, the mini-conglomerate that used to trade as Cannon Street investments. The shares rose another bp to l6p on turnover of almost \$00,000 shares. That stretches the week's gain to 212p leading to suggestions that Tom Long, the chairman, may be close to completing a significant deal.

of the electronics components group 39p higher at 703p. Siebe is offering 0.8 new shares for every Unitech. equivalent to 715p a share. There is a cash afternative of 659p a share. The deal values Unitech at \$520 million.

The move came as little surprise to City speculators after last month's purchase by Siebe of Electrowait's 25 per cent stake in Unitech, Siebe offer, but is expected to come back with an increased offer of up to 215p a share. City speculators say this should be enough to tip the bid in Rentokil's favour. Rentokil closed 3p firmer at 362p. United Newspapers and

Rentokil has extended its

Media, publisher of the Daily Express, proved to be as good as its word with pre-tax profits bung on target. The final



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Northern Rock claims no plans to diversify. but that leaves the ultimate question of whether as members are better off with shares. In conversion. Northern Rock seeks to avoid the confused strategy of some societies that reward niembers with cheaper mortgages at the expense of bottom line profit. But confusing business strategy with defence tactics is also a mistake: there is little point to floating Northern Rock shares if their value is not allowed to reflect their worth to a hidder. It also gives less incentive to the Northern Rock board, . .

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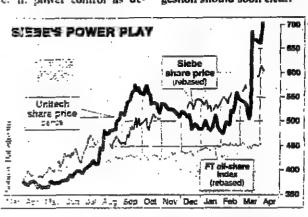
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Hewden Stuart has strengths: strong manage-ment, market leadership and a commitment to carry on investing in its business, regardless of fluctuations in short-term profits.

But when times are tough, the company remains vulnerable to small competitors who are prepared to cut rates for basic plant such as dumpers, rollers, mixers and diggers. Attempts to enforce price leadership are unlikely to prove successful.

Eventually, investment in Britain's infrastructure will resume — but perhaps not before the next election. Until then, the shares — down 9n at 148p yesterday — offer little

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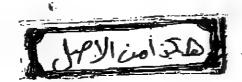
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DEATH OF INFLATION

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notice. For the unthinking

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Roger Bootle is chief econo-

book, The Death of Inflation

Surviving and Thriving in the Zero Era, will be published on April 17 by Nicholas Brealey

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Price deflation is certainly

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DIARY

#### Haynes loses global role

ALASDAIR HAYNES has stepped down as £500,000a-year head of global equity derivatives at HSBC James Capel in what amounts to an April Fool's putsch. Haynes, who joined from UBS 18 months ago, was ousted on April 1, the day the firm added HSBC to its name. Capel insists the departure was "completely amica-ble", but admits to a falling-out over strategy. Haynes, it seems, wanted overall control of the 80strong derivatives team, which spans operations from Hong Kong to New York. Capel wanted to run things on regional lines.

#### Isma poser

CAT fights can be expected at CIBC Wood Gundy. after the appointment of Martin Shaw as head of fixed income trading for Europe, who will report to Simon Ellen, head of glob-al trading, Outside CIBC, both men play an active role within the International Securities Market Association. Inside information suggests trouble ahead as Isma regulations do not allow two committee members from the same company.

#### Question Time

GILLIAN SHEPHARD

has turned tail on her decision to speak at the Institute of Directors annual conference on April 24. The Education and Employment Secretary has suddenly realised she tion Time that alternoon. event normally timetabled months in advance. Peter Lilley, Social stepped gallantly in to take centre stage alongside Sir Stanley Kalms, in defence of the motion that "EU member states should be. free to regulate their own labour markets. The opposition, John Monks and Christopher Haskins, are trembling.



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Shephard: double booked

THE quick-selling Aga Magazine includes an adventurous recipe for its Home County readers. Slow-cooked beef, "a superb freezer standby".

#### Dunblane gains

BIG hearts and pockets at the Headlant Group turned a spat with Albert E Sharp into a £1,000 charity donation. When Ian Kirkham, chief executive of the floor-covering distributors, agreed to sit at a black-tie table hosted by his stockbrokers it was with the intention of settling a wrangle over fees. Both protagonists were driving a hard bargain, but caught up in the spirit of generosity at the Coopers & Lybrand PLC awards, organised in asso-ciation with The Times, they agreed to donate the fees to the Dunblane Fund

#### Wall to wall

TOM SMAIL, chief executive of Vymura, says his 1840s Georgian house in Manchester is wallpapered from floor to ceiling. Smail's wife a former designer, insists they get someone in to redecorate at least every four years. For now, it's a vogue ish subtle background with an "adventur-

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ECONOMIC VIEW

# The changing face of inflation worldwide

Several forces

have put competitive markets in the ascendant, says Roger Bootle

overnments always tnake a mess of things. This is the financial markets first working assumption. So their reaction to the widespread adoption throughout the world of published targets for very low rates of inflation has been one of scepticism or outright cynicism. That is why long-term interest rates are so high in relation to the currently low rates of inflation.

But when assessing the economic forecasts implied by financial markets it is useful for outsiders to employ another rule of thumb - the consensus is always wrong. All you then have to do is work out which way it is wrong.
Inflation has turned out

much lower than the markets and most commentators have forecast for several years now. Much turns on what you think explains this. The orthodox answer - the one proferred by the Old Believers (aka the monetarists) - is that money supply growth was for a time weak. This led to weak demand and ultimately to low Yet if that is all that has

happened then the corollary is that once demand revives, inflation will pick up again. Moreover, money supply growth has recently picked up strongly and some voices are already calling for higher in-terest rates to head off the supposed inflationary danger. So the moral, if you believe this story, is mind your eyel Bad times are just around the corner — again.
This view that nothing in the

world has changed strikes me as much too cosy for the Old Believers and much too will always be a level of unemployment and capacity utilisation where inflation reemerges. But is it the same point as it was before? I think that there are good reasons to believe that it is now further off. Consider the evidence. In September 1992, a crisis in the ERM led several countries to devalue or depreciate their currencies - Finland, Sweden. Italy, Spain and Britain (later followed by the Irish Republic). The verdict of the so-called experts and of the financial markets was virtually unanimous - inflation in these countries would surge, wiping out the immediate gain in competitiveness, but leaving a lasting legacy of higher nomi-

But this view, so widely held. also proved to be blatantly wrong - another casualty of the events surrounding Black (Golden) Wednesday. In all of the countries that devalued, the result was the same. Inflation rose very little, the gain in competitiveness was sus-

nal interest rates, short and

How UK markets' long rango inflation

nature have combined to produce a climate of anxiety, not only among workers, but also among employers, who fear

be cut from under them. Thanks to the rapid advarices of dynamic countries. especially in the East, and the associated process of globalisation, businesses are now increasingly able to conduct a diversified production process on a global basis.

that their market position will

This undermines local monopoly positions, sweeps away producers with higher costs, and obliges the survivors to keep their costs under control to retain their position. Meanwhile, across the world, privaisation is reducing the size of the sectors where state ownership shields both workers and

#### Prices react to supply and demand rather than going on up regardless

recent years several forces have come together to put competitive markets in the ascendant. As a result, prices now respond to supply and demand rather than carrying on up regardless, as if on an escalator, and increases in costs are no longer passed on automatically without thought for the consequences. The changes even apply to wages. At long last, these are beginning to be determined on what can reasonably be called a labour market, as the power of organised labour has wilted.

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hawks are still waiting for the upsurge in wages. In the UK, it

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Technological advance has contributed a good deal to this result. It has cut a swathe through traditional areas of employment and weakened labour power at the points where it used to be strongest.

sures. Does this mean that inflation cannot pick up in coming years? No. What happens to inflation will continue to depend on the overall level of demand as well as on the structural, cost factors that I emphasised above. But the relationships are now different. If we see a strong revival in the global economy over the next few years, then inflation will probably pick up in most countries, if only because of the likely rise in commodity prices. But because of the pressures of competition, particularly in the labour market, the increase in inflation is likely to be small by the standards of previous

But is a major world upturn on the cards? Even though it will pick up, the Japanese economy will continue to be held back by serious troubles

high costs and the strains imposed by trying to comply with the Maastricht treaty criteria will prevent anything but a moderate recovery in Germany and France. In these circumstances, inflation is unlikly to rise much in most of the industrial world and in some countries (for example, Britain) it may even fall.

in the financial system, while

The really tantalising prospects, however, are held out by what might happen when the global economy turns down again, even though that is probably a few years off. For if. as I expect, inflation has been held at close to the current level in the meantime, then a significant iali. Causeo d demand, would take it into negative territory, bringing back conditions unseen in most countries since before the Second World War. In Japan, of course, price

deflation has already happened. The latest inflation figure in Japan is minus 0.4 per cent. People are often inclined to dismiss the signifi-cance of this by saying "Ah, but that's Japan" as though this somehow or other makes it irrelevant. It is true that price deflation in Japan has owed a good deal to the super-strong yen, but it is also true that the full effect of this has not been passed on directly in the form of lower prices in the shops because of Japan's rigid distribution system.

What makes this all the more striking is that until recent years, Japan was a country with relatively high inflation. In reaction to the oil shock of the early 1970s, Japanese inflation for a time exceeded 20 per cent. And in the 1960s, inflation was regularly higher in Japan than it was in Britain, never mind Germany. Moreover, there is a country

conversion of the Halifax Building Society to banking status Mike Blackburn, chief executive is quoted as saying ... this is possibly the biggest giveaway in terms of value in the history of the world." Who does Mr Blackburn

think he's kidding? The "giveaway" is merely a means of transferring the reserves to where they rightly belong: in the hands of the investing and borrowing members who have allowed their profits to remain in the society. It is unfortunate that some members will not benefit. Management of some of the societies wishing to remain mutual are realising this situation by paying investors more generous rates and charging less to borrowers. Hopefully, some means can be devised to ensure that those members who have contributed to the well-being of these societies will be recompensed for their loyalty. Yours faithfully GEORGE THOMPSON

# Will a new era of passbook power dawn?

Robert Miller and Patrica Tehan on

changing times for building societies

ecountability to tens of millions of building society members has never appeared to be high on the list of priorities for society board directors. Far from practising what they preach, building society

directors and senior management have, in many cases, run their organisations as personal fiefdoms. Over the past decade salaries have soared to almost match those of their publicly listed brethren and, n some cases, even beat them. And it was almost impossible, and still is, for ordinary outside members to be elected to a building society board.

But times are changing. Last month, the Treasury published a draft Bill whose ultimate aim is to usher in a new era of passbook power for building society mem-bers. Angela Knight, the Treasury minister with responsibility for societies, has given a clear warning that in

return for greater business freedoms, such as being able to branch out into general household and motor insurlend on a far wider range

In many cases, of property directors have other than residential run societies as homes, societies personal fiefdoms have to be far

more ac-countable to their members. In the present bout of merger and conversion mania, societies are split on whether the proposed new Bill would have led to different corporate decisions being made.

Alliance & Leicester, for example, which plans a stock market flotation next spring, indicated that it might well have opted to remain as a mutual had the new powers been available two years ago. Others such as the Halifax insisted that the Bill would have made no difference.

Nor does the prospect of remaining as a mutual appear to have appealed to Northern Rock, Yesterday as the society confirmed its intention to convert to a bank next year, its senior management outlined what it said were the three reasons for its decision. For example, the society

said that it wanted to escape from a "restrictive" legislative regime and gain free-dom to raise capital in wholesale markets. This, according to Leo Finn, deputy managing director of North-

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ern Rock, would improve the new bank's scope for profitable growth, for instance through the acquisition of mortgage books. Secondly, the formation of the Northern Rock Foundation would enable the society to help the wider north east of England community. Thirdly, the members would benefit through the free

share distribution. Although Northern Rock is seen as having ambitious plans to increase its share of the mortgage market, Christopher Sharp, managing di-rector, said that the society had "no plans to diversify or to absorb another building society at the moment and none for the period of this

He denied that the society had, as recently as last year, said it was committed to mutuality. "No building society board can ignore conversion, it is written into the Act. But each must come up with a solution. It is not true that mutuality is over, this is not about mutuality it is about Northern Rock.

Mr Finn added that the board had weighed up all the possiwith third parties is how they can run the business

more efficiently. The only way they could do it is getting rid of large numbers of staff across the North East. We have to take into account the interests of all of our stakeholders. We do not have a duty to simply sell the society for the highest price. Our duty is to consider all

The societies that at present at least have opted to stay close to their roots, such as Bradford & Bingley, Britannia and Yorkshire, have belatedly started to return profits to their members in the form of lower home loan rates and higher returns on

savings accounts Averaged out over a period of, say, ten years or so, members may well be better off than under one-off free share offers available under fiotation plans.

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But as yet it is the converters that appear to have stolen all the headlines. If there are benefits to mutuality, and there assuredly are, then societies should return more of the rewards to investors rather than into their own pockets.

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#### Hiscox will pay £10m towards Lloyd's settlement From the Chairman of Hiscox

Holdings Sir, The cry from action groups and from names and members' agents is for managing agents to pay more towards the settlement of litigation for the reconstruction. and renewal (R&R) plan tosucceed (Business Letters, March 29).

I thought it would help the

debate if I disclosed that our managing agency. Hiscox Syndicates Ltd. has paid voluntarily or will pay voluntarily a total of £10 million in contributions as few names in our experience are aware of the contribution being made by the remaining businesses in the market.

From Mr John Turner

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vival of Lloyd's. The executives who own the agency are all names so are also paying their levies in that

The agents who ought to contribute have all gone out of business, so those that succeeded in surviving by making profits are now treated as the villains who ought to pay, despite the fact that the whole society depends utterly on the profits they are making for the current R&R payments and on their future profits for the health of the continuing

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bode ill for the future of Lloyd's. It is time for unity, for us to act as a society to put the problems behind us and to ensure that no more damage is done to names. Many in the society have

and the rest of the society.

given, some more than others. and the best have given more than the worst. Names who have not honoured their commitments have benefited at the expense of names who have; there are many inequities but the R&R plan is the best and only solution we have to stop further grief being caused.

If names accept what is being offered, we can bring an end to the uncertainty and have at least no further agony: if they turn the offer down from a desire to squeeze more money from someone somewhere, all names who are not already bankrupt will truly suffer. The choice is simple. Yours sincerely. ROBERT HISCOX,

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#### Big giveaway, what giveaway?

From George Thompson Sir, in a report (The Times March 27) referring to the

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BY ERIC REGULY

A NEW force in broadcasting has been formed through the merger of the television and radio interests of Bertlesmann. Germany's largest media group, and CLT of Luxembourg, whose businesses range from RTL, Germa-ny's largest TV station, to Talk Radio in London.

The deal came after talks between CLT and BSkyB broke down, BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times. The two had discussed launching a digital satellite TV service in Germany and elsewhere on the Continent.

With Bertlesmann at its side. CLT hopes to fulfill that ambition quickly. Digital satellite TV is considered the next frontier in broadcasting.

BSkyB now plans to enter the market in part-nership with Canal Plus and Havas, the large French media groups, Meanwhile, DirecTV,

the American direct-tohome broadcaster that is owned by Hughes Electronics, the satellite maker. is making plans to start a European service.

Bertlesmann will benefit from CLT's strength in free TV. CLT has extensive TV interests in Germany. The Netherlands and France as well as a stake in Channel 5. Britain's new terrestriai

The merged company will be owned equally by Bertlesmann and Audiofina. a Luxembourg holding company that is CLT's parent company. Audiofina, in turn, is owned by Groupe Bruxelles Lam-bert of Belgium and Havas, Bertlesmann has agreed to pay Audiofina 30 billion Belgian francs (£634 million) to finance CLT's expansion into digital TV and other area. The deal requires approyal from regulators in Germany and Brussels.

The company will have annual sales of about \$3.3 billion and will control the German TV channels RTL. RTL2, Super RTL



Peter Curry, Unitech founder, left, who is to join the Siebe board after the takeover, with Barrie Stephens, chairman of Siebe, and Allen Yurko

# Siebe buys Unitech in agreed £520 million takeover deal

By Alasdair Murray

SIEBE, the engineering group. has launched an agreed offer for Unitech, the electronics company, valuing the company at 1520 million. It will establish Siebe as the world's largest supplier of transformers and control systems.

The bid has been expected since Siebe paid 590p a share last month Electrowatt. the Swiss utility, for a 25 per cent stake in Unitech. Siebe has since acquired 4.1 per cent more from Electrowatt at

DAIMLER-BENZ, the Ger-

man industrial company, con-

firmed vesterday that it would

not pay a dividend for the first

time in 45 years after losing a record DM5.7 billion in 1995.

than Daimler's earlier fore-

cast of a DM6 billion short-

fall, but it still came as a

massive blow to the industrial

conglomerate that in many

The loss was slightly lower

610p. Siebe shares slipped 23p to 874p yesterday, while Unitech shares climbed 30p to 704p, just below the offer price of some 715p a share. Siebe insisted the takeover would not be earnings dilutive this year and said it should be earnings enhancing next year. Efficiency gains are expected by Siebe to yield cost savings

of £5-10 million a year. Allen Yurko, Siebe chief executive. said: "There are three clear synergies we can

ways symbolises corporate Germany. Daimler, which in-

cludes Mercedes Benz, the

luxury carmaker, said that it

had attempted to include ev-

ery scrap of negative financial news in its 1995 books and

believed the way was now

clear for it to recover to clear

Jürgen Schrempp, the

chairman, said: "The show of

profitability this year.

take care of immediately, including improved purchasing power and global distribution channels.

Siebe is offering 0.804 shares for every one Unitech share, valuing Unitech shares at about 715p. There is a cash alternative of 659.28p, while Unitech is also paying a second dividend of 5.93p in lieu of a final dividend. The offer represents a 39 per

premium over the Unitech share price on March

months showed that the

board has taken measures to

offer Daimler-Benz share-

holders an attractive return."

Daimler's results were dev-

astated in 1995 by DM5.1

billion restructuring costs. Of

that, DM3.9 billion was the

cost of restructuring at AEG

AG and writing off Fokker

NV, the Dutch aircraft manu-

Daimler drops dividend after big loss

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN STUTTGART

15, the day before Siebe first purchased a stake in Unitech. The company said in total it holds acceptances from 30.3 per cent of the company, including a 1.2 per cent stake

held by Unitech directors. As a result of the Electrowatt purchase Siebe is paying an average price of 670p a share, or E488 million. for Unitech.

Peter Curry, founder and chairman of Unitech, will be invited to join the Siebe board.

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ing AEG for several years and

AEG's systems and automa-

rationalisation at Daimler.

Another DM1.2 billion was

tion division.

bankruptcy in February. Daimler has been remoldMr Yurko confirmed that the other Unitech executive directors would also continue in the merged company.

The offer values Mr Curry's holding in Unitech at £4.4 million. He holds share options with a potential profit of £375,000. Jeff Hewitt, Unitech finance director. has options with a potential profit of 5500,000, while Joshua Hauser, managing director of the power supplies division, could realise £670,000 from his share options.

Siebe said the deal would not result in any major re-structuring and it had no plans for significant disposals. Mr Yurko said: "The cornerstone of the deal is the electric powers control business which will clearly establish us as the global leader. But we are also effectively buying into East Asia and see significant opportunities in the heating, ventilating and air conditioning business.

plans to absorb the remainder of the group after France's Alcatel Alsthom takes over Unitech holds a 50.6 per cent in Nemic Lambada, the Japanese controls group. which is valued at 5273 lost because of further

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### **Investors set for ICS** claims as firms fail

THOUSANDS of investors can lodge compensation claims worth about E3 million after five firms were declared in default by the investors Compensation Scheme (ICS). It is understood an executive from Financial Management International of London, which is alleged to have put investors into high risk investments and then "churned" portfolios to boost commission. had previous connections with two other crashed companies, Alexander Securities (£860,000) and London &

Yorkshire Portfolio Management (£3.3 million).
Audley James & Co. of London, ran a telephone-based advisory and newsletter service providing share advice. It is alleged the firm failed to provide the advisory service. The other ICS companies include Macmillan Stewart Investments of Leicester, Anthony Slade, trading as Ashton Investments in Winchester and Paul Gilson trading as Money Matters Indepedent Financial Advisers of Stroud, Gloucestershire.

#### France Telecom change

THE French cabinet has approved a Bill on new regulations for the telecommunications sector that will end France Telecom's monopoly on January 1, 1998. The Bill will be debated in parliament next month, and if approved, French and foreign operators will be able to offer local and long-distance telephone services and other types of services to business, setting the prices they wish. But to do so, they will have to help finance a public service that will remain in France Telecom's hands.

#### United Industries up

UNITED INDUSTRIES, the UK engineering group, lifted pre-tax profits to E3.5 million last year, from E2.2 million in 1994, helped by an exceptional profit of E900,000 from selling the machinery division. Earnings per share rose to I.36p, from 1.05p. The total dividend rises to 0.45p, from 0.32p, with a 0.3p final. The shares were unchanged at 16½p. The company expects further progress this year, although first-half performance is unlikely to match the first half of last year.

#### Fitzwilton advances

FTTZWILTON, whose principal investments are in Wellworths, the Northern Ireland retail chain, and Waterford Wedgwood, lifted profits to IrEIS million before tax last year from IrE8.4 million in 1994. Earnings were Ir4.26p a share, compared with Ir2.18p. A final dividend of IrI.3p a share lifts the total to Ir2.35p from 2.25p. Turnover improved to IrE305 I million from 2.25p. Turnover improved to Ir£305.1 million from Ir£282.9 million. The company said trading so far this year was encouraging.

#### **GWR** loses bid battle

GWR, the UK commercial radio station group, has been outbid in its quest to acquire Radio New Zealand from the New Zealand Government. The winning bid, announced yesterday. was NZ\$89 million (£39.7 million), which compared with GWR's offer of no more than NZ\$85 million. GWR said it was aware of other opportunities in the Asia Pacific region. The company already owns New Zealand's Prospect Group, which has interests in radio stations in Auckland and Hamilton.

#### **RBS** lifts Spanish stake

THE Royal Bank of Scotland has acquired a further 0.89 per cent interest in Spain's Banco Santander for about £45 million it was announced yesterday. The Royal Bank's holding is now 4.2p per cent, with an option to acquire a further 0.65 per cent. Santander is the largest commercial banking group in Spain. At December 31, 1995, the bank had a net worth of 545 billion pesetas (£2.88 billion). Profits last year were 146 billion pesetas before tax.

#### ACCOUNTANCY

# Nine pillars of principle

Ian Percy outlines the ASB's new code for those in the auditing profession

n 1991 when the Auditing Practices Board was form-L ed with its unique membership of half practitioners and half users, the first internal conference identified differences in understanding between users and practitioners on fundamentals of auditing. It became clear we had to encapsulate the principles of auditing in one statement and debate the role of auditors for the future to meet public expectations.

That led to the publication of the paper for public debate. The Future Development of Auditing. The subsequent paper. The Audit Agenda, published in 1994, drew together the responses from the Future Development and the Scottish Institute's research report. Auditing Into The Twenty First Century. All those papers included a section on enduring

Principles of Auditing.
In 1995 APB published a new set of Auditing Standards and Guidelines conforming to UK practice and international auditing standards. It also published standards on going concern, fraud, laws and regulations, related parties and guidance on reporting on corporate governance. Now the UK is in a lead position internationally. This February AFB published The Audit Agenda - Next Steps and the Research Agenda,

Someone has

PROBABLY the worst job in

accountancy is that of Antho-

ny Surtees. He is the indepen-

dent Reviewer of Complaints

for the Institute of Chartered

Accountants in England and

Wales's professional conduct

department. His annual re-

port, published this week, is a

catalogue of woe. "Just over

half of the reviews undertaken

gave rise to correspondence

after the review." he reports.

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issued to marshal the resources of academics and firms in developing future standards to meet public expectations in a stakeholder and technological environment.

holders, with regard to the public interest. The identity of primary stakeholders is determined by reference to that requiring audit: in companies, share-holders are the primary stakeholder.

Objectivity and independence

A key to a quality corporate and public sector environment where external audit is critical to confidence in corporate governance, is a clear understanding of the principles that can be expected of the profession. We have therefore developed the Auditors' Code, for users of the audit process, auditors and aspiring auditors. It has nine

Auditors act for primary stake-

Integrity
Auditors act with integrity, fulfilling their responsibilities with honesty, fairness and truthfulness. Confidential information obtained in the audit is disclosed only when required in the public interest, or by law.

Auditors are objective, express-

fashion." But Surtees tries to

maintain a bit of a smile. "I

have found reviewing com-

plaints continues to be both

absorbing and interesting." he

says. But then the mask be-

gins to slip a little. "Sadly,

correspondence with com-

plainants after my review can

be less interesting and repeti-

and sometimes rather abusive ACCOUNTANTS are widely THE idea that leadership on

tive," he concludes.

Jokes "R" Us



Ian Percy says objective auditing is fundamental to the APB

ing opinions independently of the entity and its directors.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

believed to be humourless.

This is not true. But a new sur-

vey from Hays Accountancy

Personnel does not help. Timed to coincide with April

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per cent of accountants believe

that as a profession they are

on the receiving end of a dis-

proportionate number of

Added value

for an opinion. Competence Auditors act with skill, derived

from qualification, training and practical experience. This demands understanding of finan-cial reporting and business

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Auditors approach their work with thoroughness and professional scepticism. They assess

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used by KPMG to add value to

its management seminars for

clients. Although the firm

tends not to use his skills in

Scotland in case his appear-

ance loses them clients in the

process. Now Price Water-

house is taking to the field. It

is sponsoring the London

Business School rugby team.

as they consider necessary for

work and such extra evidence

Auditors apply professional judgment, taking account of materiality in the context of the matters reported on.

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proper understanding of them. Auditors allow their reports to be included in documents with

other information only if they think the extra information is not in conflict with the matters in their report and have no cause to think it misleading.

Providing value
Auditors add to reliability and

quality of financial reporting; they provide directors and officers with constructive observa-tions from the audit process; thus contributing to effective operation of business, capital markets and the public sector.

Professor lan Percy is chair man of The Audit Agenda steering group which prepar-ed the "code". APB vice-chairman and Accounts Commission for Scotland chairman, a director of several companies and past president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

#### Fast bowlers

COOPERS & LYBRAND'S enthusiasm for matters technological extends beyond cricket. Mark Waugh, of Australia, is ahead in the voting for player of the year on it cricket ratings site on the Internet. But just to prove that accounting is really Coopers & Lybrands business the firm has launched a tax self-assessment help site. http://www.Coopers.co.uk is the place to sort out the new tax regime.

ROBERT BRUCE

# At long last, we may be on to a winner

The announcement that the accountancy profession has come up with another plan to sort out public confidence in its reputation is enough to sink anyone's heart down to their boots. But this time the profession insists it is different. And it might be right. The plan is to create an independent board made up of "people of standing and strong, independent mind". This would then be able to consider aspects of the profession and issue its views on them. The theory is that if it said "jump", the profession would have to

jump.

The prospect is enticing. The profession has been allowed to get away with a considerable degree of lethargy and complacency for years. It has busied itself with things which would never work, like merging the different accountancy bodies and with regulation because successive governments have told it to do so. It has set up umpteen committees to look at the future. But by and large it has not achieved much. The problem has been the use of the umbrella body that

supposedly brings the leaders of the six accountancy bodies together to decide issues that concern the profession as a whole. All this structure does is allow endless squabbles to be refuelled. Presidents and chief executives become aloof and pompous at such a rarified attitude and much given to arrogance and competitive venom. The significance of the plans for a new independent review body is that although they came from a committee representing all six accounting bodies, there was not a president or chief executive among them. If you were to cross your fingers you might even see this

English ICA set up its own committee under Chris Swinson of BDO Stoy Hayward al-

most two years ago. He produced an initial report suggesting an independent regulatory body. This was considered startingly radical and the council asked for something which smacked of less independence. By this time the other accounting bodies were thinking that they should come up with ideas of their own. Several schemes were put forward. The whole process seemed to have reached a traditional impasse. All six bodies had different views and everyone would enter a process whereby chief executives and presidents would have a series of actimonious meetings at which they would rubbish everyone else's proposals. This time that didn't happen. An effort was made to pool all the position statements and reduce them to what everyone agreed on. Then, through a series of meetings and a lot of one-to-one conversations, a model was built and amended. It was built through trust and good, friendly hard work. There was not a president or chief executive in sight. And the framework was published this week.

I could tell immediately that it had a chance of working. I received a panie-stricken phone call from the chief executive of one of the other accountancy bodies last week asking me if I knew what the English ICA was going to say at the press conference this week, and if I did, could I tell him. If chief executives are worried that something might be out of the starting blocks without them strangling it at birth, we could be on to a winner.

The plans may also relieve ordinary accountants' fear of more and more regulation for its own sake. Whenever a regulatory body is accused of not being

effective enough, the temptation is to simply make the rules more onerous and not necessarily more effective. There is, as Swinson would point out, a ratchet effect.
The existence of an independent body outside the process means realistic reforms could be made. The new body, possibly to be known as the Public Standards Review Board for Accountancy. would have no constraints on its remit. It could investigate whatever issues it wanted, from whether disciplinary procedures are fast enough through to a view on litigation and liability and the independence of audi-

ROBERT BRUCE

tors. Much would ride on the as a model for harmony in the future. The . quality of the proposed body's chief executive, staff and members. But the plan is, as one member of the implementation committee put it. "to make the relationship between the accountancy bodies and the new board transparent and open". He added that this was "not British" and a bit of an innovation.

The detail is now what needs to be sorted out. And that is where the dead hand of all past squabbles may reach out and compromise the prospect of a truly independent body free to deliver a well-aimed kick at whatever

complacent target it chooses. This is the point where the profession either proves its maturity by agreeing to the plans or sinks back into mediocrity by insisting on compromise.

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rail franchise By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent GATWICK EXPRESS, British Rail's only profitable train franchise, has been sold to the National Express coach and bus group. The company will pay an average £13.5 million a year for the right to operate

The deal is the first under rail privatisation in which a private bidder will pay the Treasury for a franchise, rather than receive a government subsidy to take it off British Rail's hands.

In the first year of the 15year franchise, National Express will pay £4.6 million compared with British Rail's estimated profit for the franchise of £3.9 million.

By the end of the franchise period, ending in 2011, National Express will be contrib-

THE Co-operative Bank has

turned in record profits for a

second consecutive year thanks largely to a 29 per

cent reduction in provisions

Pre-tax profits for 1995

compared with

rose 33 per cent to £36.7

£27.5 million. Provisions for

bad debt narrowed to £22.7

Stripping out bad debt pro-visions, profits were flat, at

£60.2 million, compared with

£59.5 million. Terry Thomas,

managing director, said re-sults included £10 million in

discretionary spending in the last quarter to develop its-distribution system.

The bank said provisions may continue to hisprove if

economic recovery contin-

million from £32 million.

for bad debts.

Fall in bad debts

aids Co-op Bank

uting £22.6 million a year to the public purse under the terms of its agreement with Roger Salmon, the rail franchise director.

Wins Gatwick

National Express beat off competition for Gatwick Express, which runs a non-stop service between the airport and Victoria station, from a management buyout group and Richard Branson's Virgin Group.

Adam Mills, the deputy chief executive of National Express, said the company had undertaken to introduce new tailor-made rolling stock on the electrified route by 1999 to replace the existing fleet of seven InterCity trains.

It has already held talks with train manufacturers and leasing companies, Mr Mills

million, from £238,3 million.

After last year's record re-

sults, the bank pledged not to impose any compulsory

redundancies for at least

two years. This year, it

discussed plans for growth

over the next five years. The

bank plans to take a can-

tious approach, avoiding

new and untested markets.

Instead, it will focus on the

personal banking sector.

The bank is already expand-

ing its telephone banking

service, which is open 24-

hours every day of the year.

million revenue last year. Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, said: This is further evidence that the process of franchising is bringing benefits to both taxpayers and passengers. I'm delighted that National Express has won this franchise and that it plans to provide new rolling stock.

said. If it fails to bring the new

trains on to the route within

seven years, the franchise life

National Express will pro-

vide a quarter-hourly service from 5am to midnight and a

trial hourly service during the

night when there are currently

no Gatwick Express trains.

It also promised more on-board staff, an investment of

£100,000 on staff training with

"special attention paid to the

needs of overseas visitors".

There will be an on-board

check-in facility for hand-

About 3.5 million passen-

gers, many of them package holidaymakers, use the Gat-

wick Express each year. It em-

ploys 311 staff and had £27.2

luggage-only passengers.

will be cut to seven years.

"We really do have momentum in rail privatisation now as this is the second franchise to be awarded in the last five

Brian Wilson, Labour's transport spokesman, said public investment had turned Gatwick Express into a profitable modern route. He said: There is no advantage to passengers or taxpayers in handing it over to a bus company." However, as long

as National Express "can stay within the letter of their contract", the franchise would be under a Labour Government, Mr Wilson said. The franchise is the fourth to be let by Mr Salmon, ater the sales of Great Western, South West Trains and

cicties analyst at UBS, said: "I thrik the Co-op has discovered over the years that personal banking is the jewel in its crown. It doesn't InterCity East Coast. Two want to be in commercial more, Midland Main Line, ues. Credit quality in the lending where competition corporate sector was stable in emercely intense, apartition some small areas formation, intome, specific where it has an edge, such as and Network SouthCentral are expected to follow within weeks, bringing around 40 per cent of the passenger network into private hands



Mike Ost, left, with Stuart Moberley, finance director of McKechnie, at the company's factory in Walsall

# Destocking hits McKechnie

By Paul Durman

DEMAND held back by customer destocking and a weak housing market restricted McKechnie, the plastic and metal components group, to interim pre-tax profits of £21.6

Although this was 6.6 per cent up on the previous year, profits from the continuing business were flat. The rise was because of a £600,000 conand a £530,000 reduction in the company's interest charge.

Mike Ost, McKechnie's chief executive, said the four main markets for plastic components - cellular phones, computers and other business electronics, automotive, and consumer durables - had all experienced destocking.

McKechnie expects the

pressure from destocking to ease. With the benefit from recent American acquisitions, will continue to grow.

ary 3L McKechnie's plastics division made a profit of £6 million on sales up II per cent at £93 million. The Paxton arm has started to benefit from a £27 million order from Tesco for reuseable

Profits in consumer products declined 5 per cent to £7.1 million. Mr Ost was pleased that McKechnie managed to increase its sales in spite of a 25 per cent decline in new house building in Australia.

Specialist products, which includes aerospace fastenings, increased profits II per cent to £9.4 million.

McKechnie is increasing its interim dividend from 5.5p to 6p a share. Earnings rose from 14.7p to 16.2p a share.

Mr Ost said: "A 10 per cent earnings per share improvement in this environment is a very solid performance. We are optimistic we will be able to continue to do at least that

#### Restaurant chain to expand

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

CITY Centre Restaurants, which owns the Garfunkel and Deep Pan Pizza chains, said that it would speed up expansion this year after announcing a 10 per cent rise in profits to £15.5 million.

The company aims to open 50 new branches this year, with its Caffe Uno and Mexican chains setting the lead. Last year City Centre opened 28 new restaurants.

Bruce Johnston, the chairman, gave warning that refurbishment of the flagship Chiquito restaurant in Leicester Square. central London, and of the Nachos chain would have some impact on first-half performance. He said: Whilst this will restrict performance during the first half, overall trading is encouraging so far and, with the benefit from new branch openings, we are confident of our propects for the year as a whole," Turnover rose 7.8 per

cent to £111 million in 1995, while the total dividend increased 12 per cent to 2.24p. The profit increase was achieved in spite of a difficult first half in which turnover was hit by the hot summer and a £600,000 exceptional charge for restructuring the pizza division. The company said that the performance of the pizza division was now improving, A final dividend of 1.79p

(I.55p) is payable on June 3.

Door stays open in Australia for UK firms

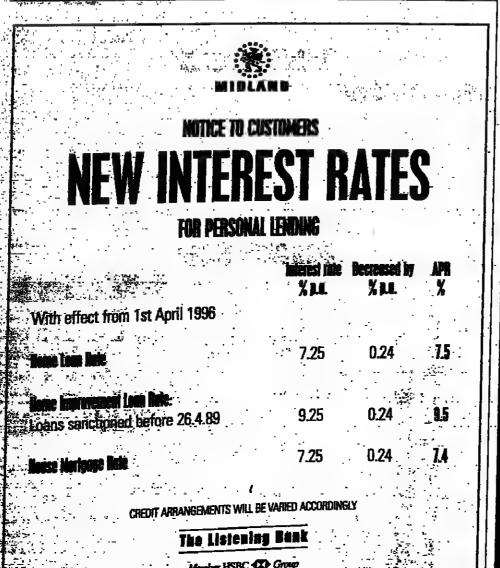
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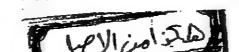
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Legislation by the Victoria state government already re-



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# Adoption papers for ombudsman Elements causing nervous shock

In re a subpoena issued by the Commissioner for Local Administration

Before Mr Justice Carnwath [Judgment April 2]

It was Parliament's intention that the Commissioner for Local Administration (the local ombudsman) should have jurisdiction to tigate matters relating to adoption and that he should have very wide powers to pursue those investigations. Therefore, it was not contrary to the public interest that the commissioner should be entitled to obtain from a local authority privileged confidential information from its adoption files

Mr Justice Carnwath, sitting in the Oueen's Bench Division, so held when dismissing an appeal by a local authority from a refusal by Master McKenzie of its application to set aside a writ of subpoena duces tecum issued on December 13. 1994 and served on the council's director of social service requiring the production of confidential documents relating to the adoption of children in the council's area.

The commissioner accepted for investigation a complaint made in by a local authority, namely, that it had failed properly to consider the complainant couple as adoptive parents for a second child, and that as a result the complainants had been unable to complete their

In connection with the investigation the commissioner asked for a

Others v Coker

Diocese of Southwark and

Before Judge Hull, QC, Mr K.

An assistant curate in the Church

of England was not an employee

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Act 1978 and an industrial tribunal

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authority's adoption files, including details of baby girls available for adoption from the time the couple were approved as prospective parents.

The commissioner's reason for wanting that information was in order to make a comparative analysis from other cases and thereby decide if the claimed injustice had been in consequence of maladministration in the complainants' case. However, the local authority was not prepared to disclose the information requested and the commissioner issued the

The appeal was heard in chambers but judgment was given in open court with the direction that the names of the local authority should not be disclosed.

Miss Cherie Booth, QC, for the local authority; Miss Genevra Caws, QC and Mr Paul Brown for

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that Miss Booth accepted that the commissioner was entitled to investigate the administrative arrangements made by the authority in dealing with adoption applications and in putting their proposals before the adoption panel, but she submitted that the commissioner could not review the panel's reasoning itself or attempt panel took when placing a child with adoptive parents.

However, his Lordship said that the panel did not make a final

(South) in February 1995 on a

tribunal had jurisdiction to hear a

claim by Dr Alexander Coker that

he had been unfairly dismissed

when he was removed from the

diocesan payroll in May 1994 after

working as an assistant curate

Mr Paul Goulding for the

Bishop and the Diocesan Board:

JUDGE HULL said that the

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Mr Joseph Hage for Dr Coker.

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On the main issue of public interest immunity, Miss Booth drew attention to the fact that the council had already provided sufficient information to show that very few cases were comparable to the complainants' and that there were good reasons as to why they were not in fact chosen, either because of their particular circumstances or because there were others who had been waiting

longer than they had. She submitted that if this had been ordinary litigation the commissioner might very well be held to be "fishing" and the claim would be unlikely to survive against the very strong competing claims to confidentiality of documents relating to adoption.

His Lordship said that was not the correct approach. Parliament had not sought to exclude adoption business from the matters subject to the commissioner's scrutiny and ndeed the regulations made specific provision for investigation of adoption matters.

There was clear indication of the importance that Parliament at-tached to the commissioner having the fullet possible access to the relevant records even in sensitive areas such as those relating to child care.

It was vital to public confidence the commissioner's role that he should be able to carry out a full investigation, so that he could tell

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Provided that the commissioner could show that the material was bona fide required for te purpose of the investigation and that he was able and willing to comply with the necessary restrictions on disclosure, then the balance should come

down in favour of disclosure.

The commissioner did not challenge the local authority's point that nobody had a right to demand a child for adoption and that the fact that a couple had been approved as an adoptive family did not mean that they could expect to be allocated a child within any particular time scale, or indeed at

The commissioner's reference to "date order queue" was no more than an acknowledgement that where all other things were equal and there was more than one family found to be wholly suitable for a particular child, then it might be fair to give preference to the narents who had been waiting the

considered it her duty to satisfy herself from the relevant files that the matter had been dealt with properly in practice.

The appeal was dismissed but the commissioner was invited to reconsider the terms of the subnoena with a view to narrowing the range of documents requested to those which were strictly necessary to complete the

#### Curate is not an employee of church ecclesiatical office, and not the God ... The duties owed by the

contractual." The law was plainly established by the highest authority; a priest of the Church of England appointed to an assistant curacy was not as a result of that appointment employed under a contract of service but was the holder of an

church to the pastor are not

The chairman in his reasons stated that in his view the more recent decisions overruled the conclusion in the earlier cases that there could in no circumstances be a contract of employment between supendiary curate and a diocese of the Church of England. But in Davies Lord Templeman had expressly concluded that the duties owed by the pastor to the church and by the church to the pastor

Justination for praw The appeal would be allowed. An industrial tribunal had no jurisdiction to entertain the complaint.

Solicitors: Winckworth & Pemberton; Free Representation Unit.

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Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Thorne

[Judgment March 29] Grief and bereavement caused by another's negligence were not actionable heads of damages, but damages were recoverable for nervous shock, even if that was partly attributable to the pathoogical consequences of grief and

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith dissenting) in sing an appeal brought by the defendant, Katherine Bosley, against the decision of Mr Justice Sedley on January 30, 1995 that Peter Vernon, was entitled to recover damages for mental illness. However, the Court of Appeal reduced the amount of mages awarded,

Mr Dermod O'Brien, QC and Mr Daniel Pearce-Higgins for the defendant; Mr David Blunt, QC and Mr Jonathan Marks, QC, for

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH, dissenting, said that on August 13, 1982 the plaintiff's daughters, Philippa, aged 7 and Theresa, aged 32, together with a third child, were being driven by the plaintiff's nanny, the

The defendant lost control of the car and it crashed down a 30ft bank into the fast flowing river which ran alongside the road. The defendant managed to escape but he children were trapped.

The plaintiff and his wife, who both worked nearby, were called to the scene by the police. When they arrived they watched the unsuccessful attempts of the rescue services to retrieve the car and save the children. It had never been disputed that the accident was caused by the defendant's

plaintiff's case was presented on the basis that he suffered a severe degree of nervous shock and psychological trauma and subsequently developed a severe post traumatic stress disorder complicated by a severe grief

The defendant had throughout accepted that the plaintiff fell into that category of person who could be awarded damages resulting from the nervous shock of witness ing an accident or its immediate

Her case was that the plaintiff did not suffer from post traumatic stress disorder, as opposed to a grief reaction, pathological grief disorder, which he would have suffered in any event if he had not witnessed the tragedy, but had been told of it at a distance.

The defendant further contended that the accident and its effect on the plaintiff was not

business but that that was due to other factors and it would have collapsed when it did for the reasons it did irrespective of the accident.

Her case at the trial was that the

plaintiff was a Walter Mitty character from the start, failing far more often than he succeeded at each stage of his life, making enemies through his own deficiencies of character and forever blaming others: a man who continuously refashioned his extremely modest achievements into a grandiose myin; who, having failed in a succession of employments, had bought at an overvalue an ailing company which was destined to founder for economic reasons and the plaintiff's defects of character, who had consistently with his life-long character blamed the failure of his company on everything and everybody but

His Lordship had reached the clear conclusion that the plaintiff had not discharged the onus which was upon him of proving that the shock of witnessing the accident caused or substantially contrib-uted to the illness from which he was suffering. That it did so, or was the initiating cause, without which presumably the other events in his life would not have had the me effect on him, seemed to his Lordship to be speculation and guesswork. Accordingly, his Lordship would allow the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that damages for "normal" grief and suffering were too remote to be recoverable in law. The question in the present case was whether the damage for "normal" grief and the consequences of bereavement had to be discounted from the damages for nervous shock.

That particular issue was not covered in the authorities, and his Lordship would hold that the not be discounted.

Nervous shock suffered in consequence of witnessing at first hand an accident involving a loved one as its primary victim was actionable in law. In principle, damages were recoverable for injury caused partly by the neg-ligence of the defendant even if there was another cause and the neeligence was only a contributory

Wardlow (11956) AC 613). Nervous shock, as distinct from grief and other emotional sufferings resulting from bereavement, was a kind of injury which was recognised by the law. Therefore, damages were recoverable for nervous shock caused, or at least contributed to, by actionable negligence of the defendant, notding that the illness might also have been regarded as a nathological consequence of the bereavement which the plaintiff

Such a view of the law had advantages for the trial of cases such as the present one. It was unnecessary to research into the niceties of psychiatric medicine in order to discover whether part. and if so, what part, of the plaintiff's illness should be ascribed to bereavement rather than

would have inevitably have suf-

witnessing the accident. His Lordship could not see any policy reason for limiting the damages recoverable by a plaintiff who had established the right to sue. If the plaintiff was owed a duty of care, then he should recover damages for the injury which he had sustained.

After all, even if his illness was partly attributable to the pathobereavement, it was nevertheless caused by the defendant's negligent act, and the policy reasons which limited the scope and number of those to whom a duty was owed did not provide equal jus-rification for limiting the damages recoverable by those who could

Furthermore, the practical consequences of the submission for the defendants was as follows: Only a plaintiff who had a close and

mary victim could recover damages, but the damages would have to be assessed so as to exclude the consequences of the bereavement which the plaintiff must have suffered, if the loved one was killed. In his Lordship's view that would be an unrealistic and arti-

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ficial exercise. If the law was, simply, that a plaintiff was entitled to sue could recover damages for mental illness caused or contributed to by his involvement as a secondary victim of the accident, notwithstanding that his illness might also be described as, in part, a pathological grief reaction to the bereavement which he had suffered, then it was unnecessary to embark on the process which the judge, not surprisingly, found both abstract and difficult in the present case.

It was essentially on the issue of the evidence relating to the mental illness of the plaintiff that his Lordship differed from Lord Justice Stuart-Smith.

In his Lordship's judgment, the plaintiff suffered mental injury by reason of the accident and that that was contributed to, if not entirely caused, by the fact that he wi nessed its aftermath as he did. However, in his Lordship's view. that was strictly irrelevant.

Mr Justice Sedley had held that witnessing the accident had been the initiating cause of the plaintiff's mental decline which began after the accident and continued thereafter, with further impetus from the subsequent failure of the business in 1986 and the breakdown of his marriage in 1992.

He also found that the failure of the business would not of itself have caused mental illness. There was evidence to support those conclusions and his Lordship did not feel that the Court of Appeal should interfere with them.

Lord Justice Thorpe delivered a dgment agreeing with Lord Jus-

Solicitors: Howard Palser Grossman Hermer & Partners.

#### Agreement by shareholders creates constructive trust

Neville and Another v Wilson and Others

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Rose and Lord Justice Ljudgment March 20i

An informal agreement for the liquidation of a family company by its shareholders and for the division of the company's equitable interests in the shares of another company among themselves was not rendered ineffectual by section 53 of the Law of Property Act 1925. the liquidation created an implied or constructive trust for the other shareholders so that the require-

ment for writing was dispensed with by section 53(2). The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs. Joseph Neville and Eileen Hill, two of the from a decision by Mr Justice Morritt in February 1994 that 120 shares in Universal Engineering Co (Ellesmere Port) Ltd were held on trust by two of the defendants. Courtney Wilson and Lilian Neville, for the Crown as bona vacantia. The appeal was allowed

on grounds that were not argued before the judge. Section 53 of the 1925 Act. provides: "(1) Subject to the provisions hereinafter contained with respect to the creation of interests in land by parol ... (c) a dis-position an equitable interest or trust subsisting at the time of the disposition must be in writing

signed by the person disposing of the same. . . "(2) This section does not affect the creation or operation of result-ing, implied or constructive

Mr I. E. Jacob for the plaintiffs: Mr Simon Barker for the LORD JUSTICE NOURSE, giv-

ing the judgment of the court, said that in 1969 the shareholders had entered into an agreement with one another for the informal liquidation of the company and thus, as part of it, for the division of the company's equitable interest in the shares in Universal Engineering in proportions corresponding to their existing shareholdings.

The question, which involved consideration of section 53 of the 1925 Act and a point left open by the House of Lords in Oughtred v IRC (11960) AC 206), was whether the agreement had had the effect of

Each shareholder had collectively agreed to assign his interest in the other shares of the company's equitable interest in exchange for the assignment by the other shareholders of their interests in his own allouot share. Each individual agreement having been a disposition of a subsisting equitable interest not made in writing, there thus arose the question whether it was rendered ineffecrual by section 53.

The simple view was that the effect of each individual agreement was to constitute the shareholder an implied or constructive trustee for the other shareholders, so that the requirement for writing in section 53(1)(c) was dispensed with by subsection (2). That was the view taken by Mr Justice Upjohn at first instance in Oughtred vIRC ([1958] Ch 383, 390) and by Lord Radcliffe in the House of Lords (at

There was nothing in the speeches in the House of Lords preventing the court from holding that the effect of each individual agreement was to constitute the shareholder an implied or constructive trustee for the other charemoldery.

The analysis of Lord Raddiffe,

specifically enforceable agreement to assign an interest in property created an equitable interest in the assignce, was unquestionably correct: see London and South Western Railway Co v Gomm ((1882) 30 ChD 563, 581). A greater difficulty was caused by Lord Denning's outright rejection of the application of section 53(2), with which Lord Cohen had appeared to

Section 53(2) said that subsection (l)(c) did not affect the creation or operation of implied or constructive trusts, Just as in Oughtred v IRC the son's oral agreement created a constructive trust in favour of the mother, so here each sharebolder's oral or implied agreement created an implied or constructive trust in favour of the

Why then should section 53(2) וזכט פאז זעוקק had been suggested or had occ-urred to the court. Moreover, to restrict the effect of general words when no restriction was called for and to lay the ground for fine distinctions in the future. Subsection (2) applied to an agreement such as there was in the instant

Thus the agreement entered into by the shareholders was not in-effectual and the plaintiff were meant that the company's equitable interest in the 120 shares did not vest in the Crown as bona vacantia when the company was struck off the register in 1970, and cash now representing the shares would be divided proportionately between the plaintiffs and the

On grounds not argued before the judge the appeal was allowed. Solicitors: Parmone & Parmers, Manchester: Stockdale & Reid,

## Deciding youth's mode of trial on sentencing power

Regina v Inner London Youth Court, Ex parte Director of Public Prosecutions Before Lord Justice Leggatt and Sir

[Judgment March 18] When deciding mode of trial of a defendant aged between 14 and 17 under section 24(I)(a) of the Mag-istrates' Courts Act 1980, justices should ask themselves whether a crown court could properly sengreater than two years for the offence charged and if so should commit for trial at the crown court.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when allowing an application by the Director of Public Prosecutions for judicial review of a decision of Inner London Youth Court, sitting at Balham, on September 29, 1995 stating that it was more suitable that the charges against C, a youth aged 15, be tried summarily and fixing a date for trial.

C was charged with causing grievous bodily harm with intent contrary to section 18 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861 and an offence of destroying a window contrary to section I(I) of the Criminal Damage Act 1971. The decision was quashed and an order of mandamus made

requiring the justices to hold committal proceedings. Mr John McGuinness for the DPP: Mr Gavin Millar for C: the justices did not appear and were not represented.

SIR IAIN GLIDEWELL said that the major issue was the interpretation of the words in section 34(1)(a) "it ought to be ance of that subsection".

The proper approach for a court was to ask itself would it be proper for a crown court sentencing the defendant for the offence of which he was charged to exercise its section 53(2) powers and sentence him to a period greater than two

If the answer was "yes", then it inevitably followed that justices or the youth court should make it possible for the crown court to sentence the defendant on that basis by committing for trial. Only if the nature of the offence was such that the crown court could not properly exercise its section 53(2) powers should the justices take the view they should not make it possible for the crown court to pass

It did not necessarily follow that the defendant if convicted would get a sentence greater than two years. But that such a possibility should follow flowed inevitably from the circumstances of the offence as alleged.

When did have to make such decisions with 15 year olds charged with serious offences, the justices although not obliged by law to do so, would be well advised to seek their clerk's advice concerning the limits of their own powers and the guidance available

If the court had done so in the present case they would have been referred to Stone's Justices' Manual with a footnote to section 24 referring to a number of cases. Those included R v Fairhurst ([1986] I WLR 1374) from which Mr McGuinness submitted that justices should always start with the view that a section 18 offence was

one of exceptional gravity. The justices had considered the young age of the witnesses and the fact that it was open to the court to discontinue the summary trial and proceed by way of committal. Both were irrelevant considerations.

As a generality the court would take into account the age of witnesses and the desirability of disposing of the case, but those matters could not weigh against the clear words of section 24(1). If the court was obliged to scale it. the court was obliged to make it possible for the crown court to convict other considerations became irrelevant.

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Lord Justice Leggatt agreed. Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Special Case Unit; Fisher Meredith, Clapham,

#### Corrections

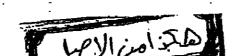
In Begg-McBrearty (Inspector of Taxes) v Stilwell (The Times March 15) the sixth line onwards of the first paragraph should have read: ... an interest in trust property was created by the exercise of a special power of appointment, contained in a discretionary settlement and thus was not 'an interest under an instrument made before January 1, 1970...

in Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council v B (The Times March 19) the word "ordinarily" was inadvertently omitted between "not" and "resident" in the the third lines of both the first and ninth paragraphs.

In Boote (Inspector of Taxes) v Banco do Brasil SA (The Times April 2) Mr Timothy Brennan appeared as junior to Mr McCall, QC, for the Crown.



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FILM I

Scotland's ebullient youth culture - a current cinematic obsession — is explored again in Small Faces



The feel-bad movie of the year? Swimming With Sharks shows Hollywood at its most sour





FILM 3

Nadja gives many a quirky twist to the world of vampires, stakes and unhealthy appetites



FILM 4

Don't get caught in the crops ... yes, Hitchcock's North by Northwest is back in a fine new print

CINEMA: Geoff Brown sees Scotland's reputation for quality product upheld by Gillies MacKinnon's Small Faces

# Triumph sealed with a Glasgow kiss

hirty years and more ago, British cinema needed blood transfusion by going north. In Room at the Top. A Taste of Honey and other trophies of the British New Wave, film-makers discovered Lancashire accents, slag-heaps, factory chimneys, cobbled streets and mist hovering over canals.

Now British cinema ventures further north for its rejuvenation, to Scotland, Films such as Shallow Grave and Trainspotting feed off the raw energy of Scottish people and the urban landscape. In Small Faces, the latest and best film from Gillies Mac-Kinnon, written with his brother Billy, the camera feasts on Glasgow's housing blocks, marooned in wasteland: on a front door's lurid coloured glass; on the pin-ups in a teenager's room.

MacKinnon (see interview, far right) was born and bred Glasgow. With Small Faces, co-financed by BBC Films, BBC Scotland and the Glasgow Film Fund, he has made a finely crafted and powerful evocation of

The story begins in high spirits, as we meet the three McLean brothers, growing up in Glasgow in 1968. The eldest, Bobby, runs with the local gang, the Glens. The middle one, Alan, skilled at painting. looks forward to art school. The youngest, Lex, is 13, a mischievous kid who sparks the drama by firing an airgun and wounding Malky, psy-chotic leader of a rival gang; the Tongs. Charlie Sloan, the flashy Glen boss who flaunts a blue-striped suit with six outside pockets, takes Alan and man" Lex under his wing. But by the end the pranks have turned nasty. Blood has been shed at an icerink; gas explodes in a tower block. Lex remains 13, but his

age of innocence is over. MacKinnon has always favoured an aggressive style, pushing his films forward with angled shots and highimpact editing. Small Faces keeps up the pace, and never aniempts a documentary sur-face. But there is less sense of strain than usual; and, by filtering the film through Lex's eyes. MacKinnon finds room for the eerie magic of a goldfish in close-up, or a fleeting glimpse of a circus elephant being led through the night-time gloom.

**Small Faces** 

Warner West End 18, 108 mins Marvellous evocation of a Glasgow childhood Swimming with

Sharks MGM Haymarket 15, 90 mins Kevin Spacey in a jet-black Hollywood satire

Nadja ICA Cinema, 100 mins Offbeat adventures of Dracula's offspring

North by Northwest Lumiere, PG, 136 mins Hitchcock's thriller, as entertaining as ever

The script may not be directly autobiographical, but MacKinnon brothers clearly write from the heart, and the cast, chosen largely from Glasgow teenagers, does full justice to their creations. There is no mistaking the plucky spirit of lain Robertson's Lex, the peacock vanity of Garry Sweeney's Sloan, or the freewheeling violence of Kevin McKidd's Malky, his face adorned with ever more cuts, bumps and plasters as the minutes pass.

Satires about Hollywood do not get much darker than Swimming with Sharks, an awkward but notable first feature by George Huang. made in 1994 under the title The Buddy Factor. Its late arrival in this country testifies to its bleak spirit: this is the movie par ex-

Kevin Spacey plays Buddy Ackerman, a monstrous studio executive who delights in tearing assistants to shreds, and Frank Whaley's Guy is perfect shredding material. But the worm finally turns and pays Ackerman back with physical violence. The multiple abuse is painful to watch; the more so since Spacey adopts no comic inflections, even when yelling: "My bathmat means more to me

than you!" Huang adopts a plain visual style. Words and plot count here. There are some structural flaws, and Huang does not know how to handle the one woman character, a wily producer. But the film bristles enjoyably with inside know-

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ledge and is so sour about Hollywood that it makes Altman's The Player seem like

What do you do when your dad is Dracula? This is the heroine's problem in Nadja, a slow but mesmerising Ameri can independent movie from Michael Almereyda, His last film, Another Girl, Another Planet, used a cheap Fisher-Price toy camera to create Nadja, shot in black-andwhite, uses the same disorientating technique for Nadja's vampire urges as she moves through the night in contemporary New York.

Nadia wishes she did not have a blood lust; but family ties are not easily broken, least of all by the stake driven through her father's heart. "Dad's dead," Nadja tells her estranged twin, Edgar - a difficult line to say with a flourish. Indeed Elina Löwensohn, a dark European presence in several Hal Hartley films, impresses most when she stays silent and lets her mask-like face do the work.

Löwensohn is not the only cast member with an offbeat pedigree. Van Helsing, the dedicated vampire hunter, is fancifully portrayed by Peter Fonda, cycling round Manhattan in Victorian clothes, while producer, lends his own zombie presence to the tiny role of a morgue attendant.

But for all the self-conscious twists, the film pays respect to genre conventions. Most current horror piles up so much gross spectacle that daily life is left behind; but as Dracula's broad wrestles with its inheritance you realise anew how close horror can take you to the basic facts of love and desire, pain and death.

I have seen Hitchcock's North by Northwest numerous times, but never before this revival have I taken such note of the yellow boxer shorts that Cary Grant reveals as he changes clothes in a hotel room. They appear so bright in this new 35mm print that they almost burn your eyes. The film's playful story in-

fluenced later spy capers, although no successor could match Hitch's ingenuity, the droll wit of Ernest Lehman's script, or Bernard Herrmann's turbulent music. And sheer entertainment. North by Northwest still deliv-



Out on the town: Bobby (Stephen Duffy) joins the Glen gang in the recreated streets of 1960s Glasgow in Gillies MacKinnon's Small Faces

#### 'By lads about lads'



Every week young film fans discuss the new releases.

SMALL FACES

Katherine Wright, 18: An uncompromising film punctuated with wry humour, but pacey and poignant. Suzie Gilbert, 18: An intelli-

gent film by lads about lads. Perceptive and funny. However, at times, perhaps it was a film just for the lads. Andrew Gilham, 21: Another good Scottish film that may be left trailing in the wake of Trainspotting. There was the same reversal of emotions from happiness to depression,

directed but probably 20 minutes too long. Jenny Dawson, 20: The balance of wit and violence made it a great film. Humorous and

and comfort to shock. Well

pick up the slow pace.

#### **Ros Drinkwater** meets the man who spurned a big name for *Small Faces*

made his reputation with a series of films social realism, but he is probably best known as the man who turned down the chance to direct Marlon Brando, "It's very misleading and so emteeth to direct Brando, but when he asked me I was fully committed to Small Faces."

As things worked out, while the £10 million Brando project ground to an early halt, Small Faces - shot in 30 days on a £1.2 million budget — won the Best British Picture award at the 1995 Edinburgh Film Festival and has sold around the

Mackinnon's interest in cinema began while he was studying mural painting at the Glasgow School of Art. "I began to realise that there was a connection between cinema and art, that it wasn't just there for entertainment." But he was in no hurry to be a filmmaker: "To be honest, there

are so many things to do in life, aren't there?" So he taught art at a north

# Sorry, Marlon, I'm too busy

London comprehensive with an 80 per cent immigrant That was a great experience for me, coming from Glasgow, where the only difference was whether you were Protestant or Catholic." There, he used the carnera as a tool, as a way of relating to the

films on Hampstead Heath where they ran around in armour having a great time."
At the age of 28 ("in search of one big last adventure" he went to Africa and joined a

tribe of Tuaregs carrying millet 500 miles across the Sahara. "I had the idea to make a film from stills images of the desert, but the carnera jammed. The Tuaregs didn't know what to make of me my coat over my head, trying to push the film through the camera by hand. The whole idea was doomed."

children. "We made adventure

never". A year later, after graduation, he found himself in Hollywood, where his film school tutors, Shane Connaughton and Kerry Crabbe insisted he be hired to direct their script for The Playboys, starring Albert Finney. The was a hit and MacKinnon accepted an offer from Steve Martin to direct A Simple Twist of Fate, Martin's film treatment of Silas

Back in London he worked

as a cartoonist, returned to

teaching and finally, at the age

of 34, enrolled at the National

Film School, "a case of now or

Marner. He describes his time in Hollywood as "a three-year homesick for his wife Francesca and their two young daughters, and itching to make Small Faces, he headed back to Britain.

He wrote the script for

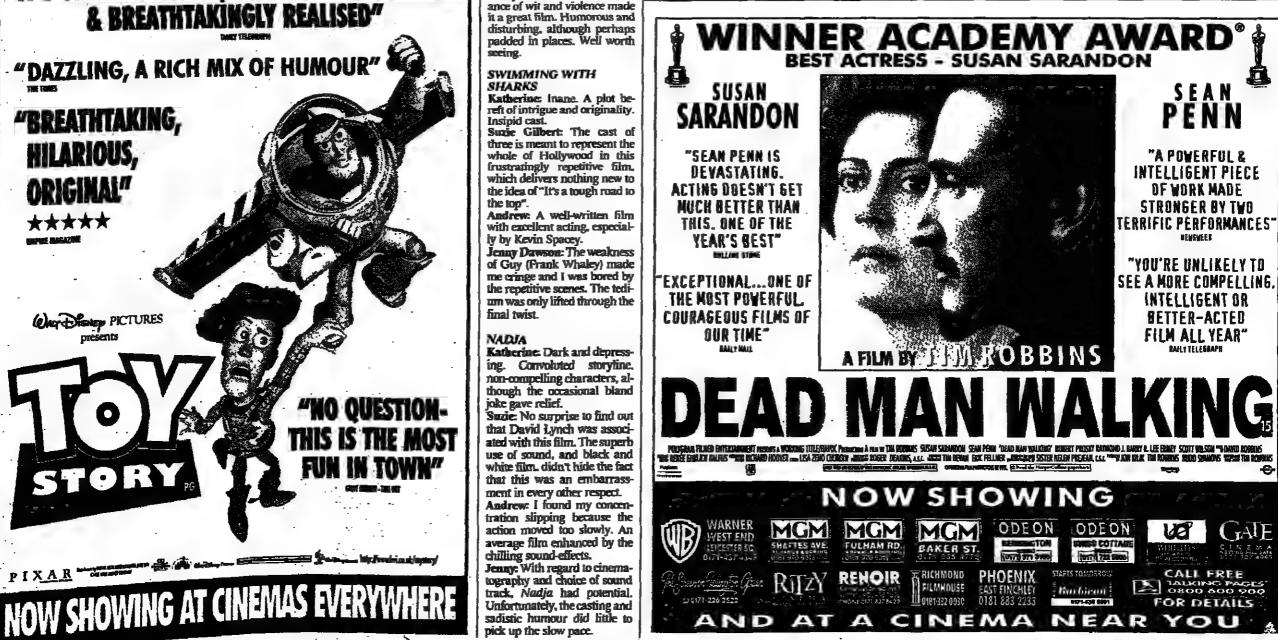
Small Faces with Billy, his younger brother. Billy was in Australia, script-editing Jane Campion's The Piano. so the brothers wrote the script by fax. From the outset they had decided to do it on a shoestring, rather than face casting compromises.

Small Faces probably ones its existence to the deep impression made on MacKinnon by the Italian classic, Rocco and His Brothers. should be at the Edinburgh Film Festival but Suco Cecchi D'Amico, its co-author? My daughter tells me that at one point I was literally on my knees to this 80-year-old lady. saying 'Please come and see our film, you were such an influence on us"." It was only then that it dawned on him that a scene in his film, where a young boy steals a shirt, was lifted straight from Rocco.

"it was completely uncon-scious. I said, Look, I'm really sorry about this', and she said: 'I do it all the time. When you see something you love, it becomes your own, so you can't steal it.' Which I thought was a pretty generous statement."

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CHOICE 2 Josie Lawrence stars in the

of the Shrew VENUE: Now in preview at the Barbican

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Clocks and Whistles Bush

f Dominic Dromgoole had wanted to astound us, his last production as director of the Bush should have been Twelfth Night in Elizabethan costume or maybe a solid Edwardian revival of The Winslow Boy. Instead, he has done the predictable thing. He has discovered yet another striking. sophisticated dramatist who only a few years ago was bouncing about his playpen in a nappy. This time the name is Samuel Adamson, the age 26.

Characterisation and dialogue are currently more Adamson's forte than narrative momentum, but even here he is no flop. You will want to know what happens to Henry. the uptight young publisher who feels he is on the periphery of several lives and at the centre of none. What is the future of his friendship with Anne, the aspiring actress who alternatively uses and ignores him? Will he have an affair with Trevor, the soi-disant poet from Paddington? Henry has, you see, glumly accepted his homosexuality since what appears to have been a dismal encounter with a girl he hired from an escort agency.

Adamson has caught the feel of a mildly louche, vaguely bohemian young London that

Michael Cashman, Nell Stuke and John Light excellent in Samuel Adamson's impressive Clocks and Whistles

sometimes puts one in mind of Isherwood's Berlin. Indeed. that may be his intention, for someone compares Anne to Sally Bowles, and one instantsees the resemblance. Kate Beckinsale gets the self-conscious poise, the noti-me-tangere narcissism, the hint of

trouble somewhere beneath. It is a lovely performance; but then so are those around her. Neil Stuke is Trevor. a farmer's boy who wanders the London fleshpots, picking up and dropping lovers male and female, and writing endless verse that nobody has the heart to tell him is awful. Michael Cashman is Anne's one-time sugar-daddy, a supercilious English businessman who tries to pass as American, and Melanie Thaw an edgy, mannered sculptor who may and may not be having an affair with a priest.

What they have in common.

and what gives the play unity. is rootlessness and isolation. The London that Adamson evokes is a pretty cold place, where theatre and opera are a lot more available than attachments that matter. Certainly, that seems to be the view of John Light's Henry. He is mocked, patronised, snubbed at his own birthday supper, and treated as gooseberry when Trevor launches into a fling with Anne.

The rejection and jealousy he claims to feel could, I suppose, go deeper. But then Adamson is writing Goodbye to Paddington, not Othello. And whom are you more likely to find in London now - a majestically angry Moor, or a Henry, sulkily exuding awkward desperation from inside a baggy tweed jacket?

> BENEDICT **NIGHTINGALE**

### **Wurst-case** scenario

Sugar Dollies/ After The Rain Gate, Notting Hill

HERE comes the latest double-bill in the Gate's Biennale season of Europe's new plays. First, from Berlin, we have Sugar Dollies. This is Klaus Chatten's after-the-Wall and off-the-wall vision of a bizarre bunch of women. Rosy is an out-of-work actress turned cultural terrorist who makes directors sick by impersonating Penthesilea ripping Achilles to bits with her pit-bulls. Then there is Babette, the bigoted, petitbourgeois mother who sports a Superman outfit and has a German sausage in her Thermos. She is still trying to be boss with her full-grown but sexually retarded daughter Tabea who, by the by, has terminated Daddy by poisoning the schnapps.

Easties and Westies, Charten's ladies are thrown together in auditions for a blind-date game show and share certain traits. They have attacks of theatricality, are on the verge of going barking (literally), and inhabit a world without admirable father-figures.

Young director Indhu Rubasingham's production is commendably firm. Katrina Levon, both intense and funny, powers through her part as Rosy, conveying both instability and fearsome assertiveness. Nina Conti imbues the dumpy Tabea with odd glimmers of sexiness and angelic serenity. Anthony Vivas's translation is lively, but the cast cannot stop the characters' endless non sequiturs becoming a drag.

Sergi Belbel's After the Rain manages to be absorbing and amusing and . very cranky. This Catalan play is set on top of a cloud-scraping office block where all the secret smokers, from the secretaries (superbly costumed by Johanna Coe like chic vet ridiculous cartoons) to the company directors. sneak out for nicotine fixes. They pair e over prom over the edge (bemusingly to re-enter soon after).

Gaynor Macfarlane's cast skilfully steer between relaxed naturalism and stylised archetypes. There are fine performances from Steven Elder as the nerdy computer programmer. Nicholas Bolton who, as the head of administration, flicks effortlessly between the slick, satanic and the silly: and Bonnie Engstrom whose moonfaced secretary is at once otherworldly. mad as a hatter and hard-headed. Ultimately, perhaps, this play builds to nothing; but en route it is very funny and strangely intriguing.

# Double delight

A Week's Worth Almeida

IRENE Worth will be 80 this coming Midsummer Day, and if we regard Midsummer Night as the night before the day, then she was a Midsummer Night's babe. Surely such babes are specially blessed, but also among the blessed are those who have seen one of this incomparable actress's performances, seen that highface light up in one of her wide. sorrowful smiles, heard the deep chuckle of her voice fade into silence.

She gave her first London performance at the Lyric. Hammersmith. exactly 50 years ago and since then has adorned the British stage. The other day someone asked why she had not been made a dame and was astonished to learn that she is American, born in Nebraska. She does seem to have played few Americans over here but this Saturday evening she can be heard being the cultivated New Yorker in A Portrait of Edith Wharton, the last in a week of solo performances.

Tonight in The Gypsy and the KATE BASSETT Yellow Canary her subject is Prosper Mérimée: for Friday evening and the Saturday matinee she is joined by Peter Eyre for The Letters of George Sand and Flaubert, which I was able to see at a preview.

The stage is furnished simply with a chaise longue and an armchair; Worth sits, reclines and eventually dies in the chaise longue, for this is Sand in the last years of her life, long after the tempestuous affair with Chopin, She is the optimistic, bestselling author, and although it is possible to doubt the sincerity of her proclaimed readiness to sleep among the cinders of Flaubert's kitchen, she is not above mopping up after her grandchildren.

The letters, ingeniously assembled by Eyre, build into a remarkably detailed double-portrait of two old troubadours, as they call themselves. Sand dashes hers off at top speed; they speak so vividly of their feelings that their very different characters take clear shape before us.

Worth's hair is now as silver as a dandelion clock, but her large, limpid eyes have lost none of that quality of seeming to look into a time long gone. or an incommunicable future. Her voice, delicately emphatic, reveals the heart. They listen to each other, the vital element in making a recital of letters into a dialogue. Eyre's deep, melodious voice ranges between rage at the world's stupidity and a sense of fun. Seventy-five minutes of pleasure.

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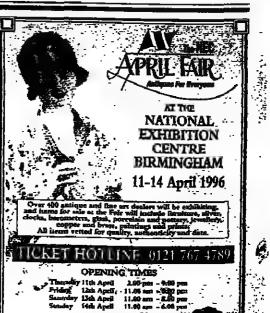
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OPERA

# Gluck done no favours

Opera to mount a new produc-tion of Alceste. Gluck's opera is notoriously difficult to bring off and, since it is about nobility of spirit and selfsacrifice, very much a "period piece". Apart from the musical and vocal challenges, it needs a great deal of help from a director, if the mood of unremitting gloom is not to grow a mite oppressive. In the first act Admète is dying and Alceste resolves to die in his place: in he second they argue about which of them will perish; and in the third they repeat the arguments at the gates of the underworld.

decor nondescript, blocking unimaginative. In no sense did the concept match the The dreaded name Figure of Death appeared in the cast list; this was the (not very good) choreographer giving herself something to do, though in hogging the stage at both the first and third-act curtains she was giving herself a great deal too much to do. Enough: this dismal affair

Glasgow

should be dispatched as swiftly as possible on a strictly one-

there on their own. Isabelle Vernet is one of the great white pupil of Regine Crespin, she upright presence - and indeed sounds like her. Her soprano is full and luscious and she phrases with plangent eloquence, especially when singing softly. But, as with Crespin, the sound can grow strident under pressure at the top; Ah, malgré moi started beautifully but the outburst of terror at the end - admittedly driven at breakneck speed by Nicholas McGegan, the conductor - fell less than easily upon the ear.

Mark -Padmore's Admète was smoothly, a touch bloodlessly, phrased in decent French, but Matthew Best's High Priest (doubling as Apollo, who slouched around in a black raincoat and Homburg hat) gave everyone a lesson in pungent projection. The coryphees were strongly cast. Lisa dilne especially lovely in Parez vos fronts. Matthew Elton Thomas's Hercules was defeated by the production.

McGegan's reading of the score was, of course, innocent of portentousness, but not quite as lithe as expected. The quite as inthe as expected. The sound was string-heavy, the wind tending to get lost in the Theatre Royal's deep pit. The hideous danger in Gluck of "saw-saw", "plod-plod" was not entirely avoided, and one longed for more accentuation of the actual shape of the

phrases. In a good performance Alceste — or so its supporters (I am one) maintain — can be one of the most uplifting of experiences, in a less than good performance it can come perilously close to tedium.

RODNEY MILNES

IT IS brave indeed of Scottish

Help is precisely what it didn't get on Tuesday from the producer-designer Yannis Kokkos. The chorus, limply directed, was dressed in black throughout: lighting was dim. grandeur of Gluck's vision. associate opera director, told me. people, and after subscription sales, there are usually some 50 tickets available per performance. Government subsidies of 90 per cent enable them to offer tickets ranging from £5

Alceste Theatre Royal,

tral and conducting talent left some-thing to be desired. Danish singers still provide the backbone of the is a co-production with the Opera de Nice, whither it roster — with rising stars such as Poul Elming. Eva Johansson and Tina Kiberg — that is a reasonable policy. But nowadays operas are generally performed in the original The soloists, then, were out

language, with supertitles; moreover, the average age of the orchestra has dropped: (through natural wastage) by 15 to 17 years in recent times, and conductors are more frequently brought in from abroad. "We're not trying to internationalise the house and do away with the ensemble. We bring in the people we need to do special projects," says Sjöblom. On the other hand, Danish Opera undoubtedly does have an eye to its international

to £30 and opera audiences in Copenhagen are refreshingly un-stuffy. Accusations of metropolitan

favouritism have been countered by

tours to outlying Jutland.

Before Padmore, the Opera was

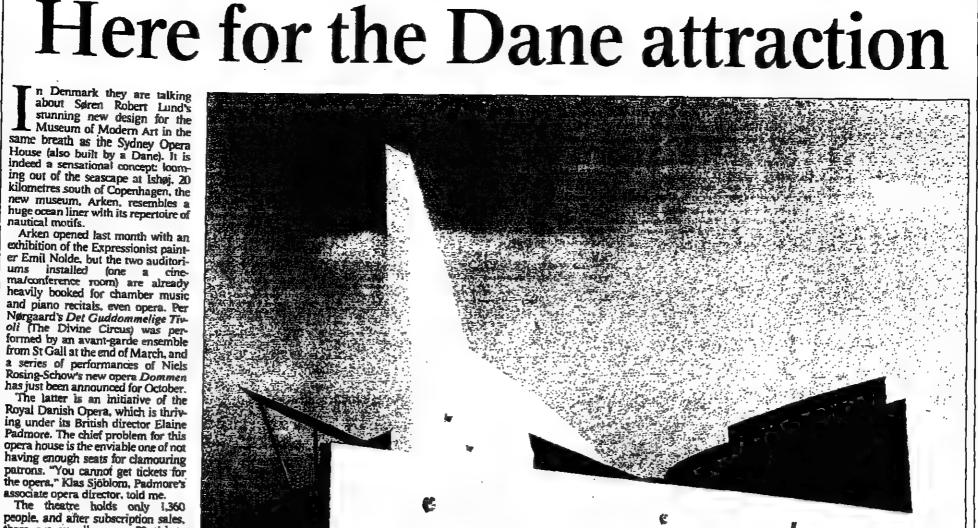
insular in its outlook: works were

usually performed in Danish, by

native singers, and the local orches-

reputation, a reputation that is likely to be consolidated next month with the first Forza del destino for 60 years and, in the autumn, a Meistersinger that boasts only one guest artist ("a glorious example of what we can do with our ensemble," enthuses Padmore). Sjöblom also has special responsi-

bility for the Opera's orchestra - the Royal Danish Orchestra (Det Kongelige Kapel), founded in 1448



Arken, the new Museum of Modern Art, looms out of the seascape at Ishej, south of Copenhagen. Its two auditoriums are already heavily booked

and boasting the longest history of any orchestra in Europe — which devotes four weeks of its annual season to concerts. But the leading ensemble in the country is the Danish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, which undertakes major tours and recording projects (currently with Decca, Chandos and dacapo).

This year Copenhagen is Cultural Capital of Europe (K96 is the shorthand) and everybody is pulling out the stops. Per Erik Weng, managing director of the Danish National RSO. sees it as two-way traffic. "We have Copenhagen and Copenhagen to Europe."

Thus visitors to Copenhagen can experience a six-concert Stockhausen festival (September/October, including the latest instalment of the great man's operatic extravaganza, Freirag), or performances of Schoenberg's Gurrelieder in November (under Janowski), or Mahler's "Resurrection" Symphony in December (under Sinopoli), or a semi-staged version of Berg's Lulu in the Royal Riding School at Christianborg Palace (August/September). But the orchestra will also be taking part in the Great Orchestras of the World series at the Barbican in the autumn. and it will be travelling with its concert performance of Denmark's

national opera, Nielsen's Maskarade, from Copenhagen to Vienna and Brussels.

This performance of Maskarade, and the subsequent recording for Decca. will use the new scholarly edition which has been one of the most urgent undertakings of the Carl Nielsen Edition, a project launched in August 1994 with generous back-

#### 6 There aren't enough seats for the clamouring opera patrons 9

ing from the Ministry of Culture (a partnership inconceivable in Britain). Astonishingly, there is currently no published score of Maskarade at all: conductors hitherto have had to work from photocopies of the manuscript

The project (to be published by Hansen) will also provide for vocal scores and instrumental parts, and according to Niels Martin Jensen, the editor-in-chief, they "are striving very hard to combine the practical with

the scholarly" - not, surprisingly, a priority of other complete editions one could name. New technology will also be harnessed, CD-Rom being used to show manuscript variants and so on.

An organisation crucial to K96 and another to put its British counterpart to shame - is the Danish Music Information Centre. Funded by the Government, MIC, as it is affectionately known, operates from wellequipped premises, with a staff of a dozen or more. It offers the facility to inspect scores (Simon Rattle spent a hear the music, and to research all aspects of Danish musical life.

Thanks in large part to a generous system of subsidy for new commissions — some senior composers are even paid a salary by the state contemporary music is flourishing in Denmark. This month has seen the Third Composers' Biennale of the Danish Composers' Society, featuring more than 80 works by Danish and Nordic composers in a series of 23 concerts given by immensely talented native ensembles and solo-

The healthy musical climate owes a good deal to the Music Act, passed by the Danish Parliament in 1990. The Act made provision for subsidising, among other things, musical tuition,

with the result that there are now some 230 music schools in the country. The irony that musical education is being dismantled as fast in Britain as it is being nurtured in Denmark is almost too cruel to contemplate.

One further aspect of the Danes' enlightened thinking concerns recording. There are three major companies - dacapo, Kontrapunkt and Danacord - and a variety of smaller ones. Dacapo receives a subsidy from the Government which enables it — indeed obliges it — to

The results include the recent releases of Friedrich Kunzen's delightful Early Romantic opera Holger Danske, a forthcoming series of Late Romantic works by Louis Glass, Ono Malling, C.F.E. Horneman and the like, and a further series of Danish operenas and musicals.

Even without k96, Danish musical culture is one of the most thriving and upwardly mobile in Europe today. By the time it is all over, there will be no excuse for anyone who still thinks of the Danish capital exclusively in terms of the Little Mermaid statue and the Tivoli amusement

CONCERT

## **Tribute** to fine cellist

THREE admired classics of were played by the Brindisi birthday tribute to the cellist William Pleeth, long esteemed as a soloist and ensemble player as well as teacher. The late Jacqueline du Pré was one of his pupils, and her memorial research fund for multiple sclerosis benefited from the concert proceeds.

Pleeth, who was present among three generations of his family, also taught his son Anthony, and he on this occasion took his father's former part as the distinctive second cello needed for Schu-(D956), which many rank as the finest of its kind. Here we were treated to playing of assertiveness at the outset,

Brindisi Quartet Wigmore Hall

every stroke of the bows giving full value to the music's voluble subject-matter.

In the sublime Adagio movement, the dialogue between Jacqueline Shave's first violin and Anthony Pleeth's second cello was well devel-oped, while the inward feeling generated by all the players had a stealthy beauty to which the passionately dramatic central section was an exciting contrast. Spiritual calm was restored in the gentle rise and fall of a haunting, palpitating melody.

Trevor Pinnock joined three Brindisi players as the pianist for Mozart's G Minor Piano Quartet (K478). His crisp and buoyant keyboard technique is better suited to the older fortepiano or harpsichord than the modern grand, which here rended to over-dominate the strings in a performance skill in the building and release of tension.

Their vigorous interplay of sociable musical dialogue. tempered by fluid phrasing and a notably poised elegance in slow music, was also to be enjoyed in the unusual innovarions of Haydn's C Major Quartet (Op 54, No 2). Here the first violin's high-lying passages in the opening movement, and the player's impassioned decoration of the following movement's theme, were but the most obvious elements in a distinctive performance.

NOEL GOODWIN

# You're never too young for the 60's



Lewis Carroll is among the authors whose priceless prose will be on sale at 60p Penguin's bite-sized repackaging of literature great and small is becoming child's play. Nicolette Jones reports

hen Penguin cele-brated its 60th birth-day with 60 little books for 60p, it was meant to be a one-off commemorative gesture. But that was before the public turned out to have such an appetite for nibbles of Nietzsche and tastes of Tacitus. Before long the bestseller lists were clogged up with titles that rival publishers bitterly dismissed as "pamphlets". Then Phoenix House retaliated in kind, and we are about to hear the patter of tiny metrical feet from Faber's 60p poetry list.

Penguin, too, knew better

than to leave things at that. They have produced further sets of 60's in the genres of cookery, biography, travel and classics, and now, inevitably. since smallness of price and format suggest it, children's books. The first 30 children's 60's are published today, this being the week of International Children's Day and Hans Christian Andersen's 191st birthday. You can celebrate both in style by buying the boxed set for £20. Like the 60's themselves, the

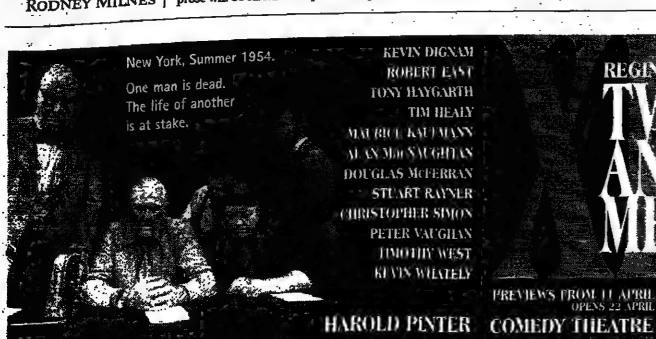
children's 60's are not entirely a new idea. Dover Thrift Editions and Wordsworth

This means that the authors who have been chosen are mostly ones that adults would Editions preceded 60's with recognise, although the selec-tion, aimed at children aged something very similar for less than £1. Collectable, pocket money-priced children's paperbacks have also, not unex-

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> What it may not do, unlike its adult counterpart, is change reading habits: none of these authors would be a surprise entry to the bestseller lists. And are these snippets for a generation with a short attention span? Milne-Smith says no. "Many kids' paper-backs are 10,000 to 12,000 words," she says. "What is sad is that when Allen Lane first published Penguins, sixpence bought the whole thing. In the 1960s, full-length Puffin Books emphasised affordability. Now our bargains are really





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# A Mann for all seasons

Thomas Mann was "the last great European man of letters". These three biographies are an acknowledgement of the magnitude of Mann's achievement; yet his work has never been very

popular in this country.
This is not just because it was translated, for the most part execrably, by Mrs Lowe-Porter, one of the many importunate American ladies in his orbit. Even those of his British contemporaries who were sympathetic to German culture remained curiously indifferent to Mann: D. H. Lawrence dismissed him as a repressed, cold-blooded naturalist: most other English writers ignored him. His daughter Erika had a marriage of convenience with W. H. Auden, but they had nothing in common except a homosexuality they never discussed.

Except during the Battle of Britain, Mann harboured typical German prejudices against the English: they were a nation of shopkeepers, England was a land without music, Towards other nations he was less indifferent: France and Italy he equated with Latin civilisation, decadent but fertile, and Russia with Slavonic sensuality; America, where he lived in exile for 13 years, aroused his admiration and, during the McCarthyite period, a somewhat exaggerated alarm.)

He loved Shakespeare, but ignored

Daniel Johnson on three diverse portraits of a writer who attempted to shape his life as he had shaped his art

visit to Britain in 1924, Mann enjoyed Galsworthy's hospitality. One might have expected the author of Buddenbrooks to have esteemed the author of The Forsyte Saga; but Hayman says Mann thought his host not quite a gentleman. Worse, Galsworthy was insufficiently "spiritual". This vignette hints at why Mann has never achieved cult status here: he was an intellectual among novelists, a particularly Teutonic aesthete, and rather a snob besides. So do any of these biographies help

English readers to enter Mann's gloriously imaginative literary world? Donald Prater's A Life is finely nuanced, fair-minded and well-researched, from which his subject emerges with considerable credit. Prater is good on the monumental public persona that Mann created for himself, the way in which he consciously modelled himself on Goethe by leading a "representative" life which was itself a work of art.

Throughout his elegantly written account. Prater evokes the irony which renders Mann's greatest novels — Buddenbrooks, The Magic Mountain and Doctor Faustus-the apotheosis and the damnation of the old bourgeois Europe he loved. Prater portrays an Olympian magTHOMAS MANN A Life By Donald Prater OUP, 525 THOMAS MANN By Ronald Hayman

Bloomsbury, \$25 THOMAS MANN Eros and Literature By Anthony Heilbut Picador, E25

nanimity, with which Mann himself might well have been satisfied.

Ronald Hayman's more informal biography would not have pleased him at all. It is an indictment of the Mann family, and especially Thomas's treatment of his six children, all of whom Hayman thinks were damaged by their father. The three most talented - Erika, Klaus and Golo - grew up to be homosexual; Klaus and Michael both died by their own hands.

In the case of Klaus, Thomas's conduct barely stopped short of child abuse: he was unable to disguise his unhealthy interest in his son's adolescent beauty. The incestuous longings

of his elder brother Heinrich are partly blamed for the suicide of their sister Carla. Their other sister Julia also killed herself. Only his wife. Katia, and his daughter. Elisabeth. seem to have survived unscathed.

It was an accursed clan, and Thomas's cool reactions to the many catastrophes were typical of the egonst he undoubtedly was. Yet the early demise of his own father, which precipitated him into a literary rather than a mercantile career and provided him with the climax of Buddenbrooks, established an enduring pattern of transfiguring pain into prose. Death, disease and disorder were all grist to the slowly grinding mill. This is a gossipy warts-and-all biography, but even so

its subject remains endearing. Anthony Heilbut's forthcoming book is, as its subtitle suggests, a biographical study of Mann's works in the light of his sexuality. It is strident in tone, unsubtle in content, uncritical in analysis of Mann's evasions, moral and political. But it has some value as an apologia for Mann's "half-open closet" mentality. at a time when homosexual campaigners are aggressively denying the legitimacy of such a stance. Heilbut speaks for those who would

enlist Mann to their cause, rather than those who would abjure him. Both Hayman and Heilbut have relied more heavily than Prater on the principal source that has come to light since Mann's death; his voluminous, though fragmentary, diaries. Most of the diaries fell into Nazi hands - causing Mann great anxiety - but they then disappeared from sight until after the war. Their confessional content is less shocking to our eyes than to his — his homosexuality was of a cerebral. Platonic kind — but they leave no doubt about the strength of his passions even in old age.

s it right, though, to pay more attention to the author of the diaries than to the author of the novels and stories? Mann had a very eventful life, but most of it was spent at his desk. By his death he had become the most famous living German. Had he not been such a slave to the North German Protestant work ethic, had he not produced those infinitely complex sentences. comprising a vast corpus which remains the most extended of all meditations on the culture of the West, Thomas Mann would now share the oblivion into which his brother Heinrich's works have fallen. For his psychology, one should read Hayman: for his sexuality, Heilbut; but to understand what he accomplished, read Prater.

# Symbol of life, not of blame

n the Ashmolean Museum collection there is a Greek vase known as the "Pandora Pot" which depicts a hammer-holding man and a woman with outstretched arms. The woman is eleurly labelled as Pandora. the character best known for her box in which all the evils of the world were once held. The bears the name Epimetheus, the less famous mythical figure whose ill-advised marriage to Pandora unlocked the box, released the e-Pr and guaranteed that mankind would never again

have a wholly happy day. To a small group of not-toohardworking students in the Oxford of 1970 the interpretation of this seene was no great challenge. Pandora was obvirusiy raising her hands in supplicant apology for spoiling everybody else's lives: Epimetheus was wondering whether or not to smash her round the head with his hammer. I recall a lively discussion in which one of the many proto-feminists of that time spoke about proto-wifebeating and about the pernicious mythology, stretching from Adam and Eve to the Iroquois Indians, in which women were blamed for everything.

Peter Stothard

**UNDERSTANDING** GREEK SCULPTURE By Nigel Spivey Thames and Hudson, £38

It is hard to review a book called Understanding Greek Sculpture without recalling this and all the other many misunderstandings that litter our pasts. Nigel Spivey, curator of the Cambridge University Museum, can be congratulated for bringing the latest scholarship lightly to bear here on a wonderful range of aesthetic and archaeological issues, including the Greeks' first woman who has so long

scholars as well as the least. Pandora formed part of what was arguably the greatest of all Athenian sculpiures. Pheidias's Athena Parthenos, which stood in famous splendour on the 5th-century Acropolis. The troublesome question is why her story should be told on a statue designed to demonstrate the virtue, glory and moral power of the goddess Athena's city.

Various answers are available. The first, to which Spivey

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is most attracted, is that the sculptor chose Pandora for his own promotional purposes. According to myth, the designer-deity. Hephaistos, had made the first woman himself and ensured that her dangerous nature was cloaked in the most artful beauty at his command. For Pheidias "to liken his own work to that of Hephaistos might have been

an irresistible temptation". The second is that the city fathers of Athens did not much care which myths decorated their statues. That seems unlikely. The main purpose of the Acropolis was imperial preening. For this single piece Pheidias was given more than a thousand kilogrammes of gold, worth around £9 million of it gouged from the city's new subject empire and displayed to keep that empire in place.

pivey provides a pro-vocative introduction to the issue of how much freedom Athenian sculptors could exercise in comparison with their Hellenistic and Renaissance successors. We can reasonably doubt whether any government, committing so much of its gold reserves in this way, would leave the motifs of the work to artistic caprice.

A third answer, one frequently available to scholars of classical sculpture, is that the problem does not properly exist; that the Pandora story is not represented on the Parthenos at all. The statue itself certainly no longer exists. Even most stone figures of ancient Greece are known now only from later copies: a massive work of gold and ivory had no chance of surviv-al. Although the travel-writer, Pausanias, reporting in the 2nd century AD, says that the Pandora myth was shown on the Parthenos, all surviving

copies are obscure. The fourth answer, to which Spivey refers only briefly, is that Pheidias and his fellow Athenians saw Pandora in a wholly different way; indeed, that they may have reacted to the allegation that a woman brought all evil to mankind in a similar manner to that of my



Despite appearances, Epimetheus's intentions may not be as violent as they seem: from the "Pandora Pot", 450-430 BC

proto-feminist friends in the

Ashmolean. The standard Pandora myth is found first in the works of the poet, Hesiod, in around 700 BC. It is Hesiod, possibly following the same prehistoric storyline that gave us the Garden of Eden, who made woman into a species of treacherous creatures whose job was to bring vengeance to mankind for taking stolen fire from Olympus.

Two hundred years later. however, that may not have been the only Pandora legend

at Athens, or not its most important part. By then the defining element of the Greeks' first woman was that she received an individual attribute at her creation from each god and goddess: her very name in Greek meant the

recipient of all gifts. The cult of the unmarried maiden, bearing the benefits of life and earth, was central to Athenians at their civilised height. Their forefathers used to celebrate the annual return of spring by hammering on the frozen ground to release

the earth spirits. Sometimes the spirits came from earthenware pots; such is the most likely meaning of the "Pando-ra Pot" and probably too of the

Parthenos decoration. There was a woman-hating tradition but it was neither dominant nor the only one. Sophocles, representing a softer culture than Hesiod, wrote a play called Pandora, or. The Hammerers. The husband's hammer which so alarmed a few ill-informed students in Oxford 25 years ago was not as threatening as we thought.

Understanding Greek sculpture is not essential to modern life. But it is essential to understanding how art relates to the rest of what exists in the world. This truth, at least, is widely agreed. If anyone wants today to see the Pandora Pot", it is currently on tour in Dallas, Texas. The best full-size reproduction of the Parthenos is in Nashville, Tennessee: there is a smaller one in Toronto.

The author is The Editor of

# Getting wise to Emma

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Tania Glyde

FIRST TIME By Lara Harte Phoenix House, £14.99

f you ask me, the middleclass upbringing is just about the biggest curse a parent can put on a child after actual abuse. Before you scream, remember that growing up isn't about being overprotected, passing tests and cultivating the right sort of people, it's about learning to deal with the real world, and not arriving at adulthood convinced you're better than 90 per cent of the population.

The 19-year-old author of First Time explores this issue. with great effect and simplicity, in one of its most poter arenas: among 14-year-old girls at a "good" Dublin school. The aptly named Cassandra's parents are well-off and she's a bit of a loner. always has been. Along comes new girl Emma, from a poorer suburb. Dark, ratty-haired Emma has everything blonde Cassandra would like to have: cool clothes, experience of drink, cigarettes, spliff and boys, and a laisser-faire attitude to homework. She's streetwise, in other words. Cassandra introduces Emma to the rebels of the class, one of whom later tells Emma how important it is to have lots of tests so you can brush up your weakest subjects. The meaning of "cred" fast makes itself known to Cassandra's amazement and the two of them become best friends.

nd so Cassandra mee ( Emma's mates, has her first drink, her first, vile. kiss with dogbreath Kevin, and so on. Reading this. I'd almost forgotten just how wearingly trite the minu-tiae of female communication can be. The particular brand of eyeliner; the particular angle of a turned back in relation to level of scorn displayed; the choke-chain of paranoia when exposed to the boys that controls us from our first period and before. But this author knows how important that is when you're 14. At that age, our sensitivity to the nuances of self-image should turn ev-ery woman into a poet. (But

somehow it doesn't).
So you just know, when Cassandra lends the larger, better-developed Emma her favourite waistcoat for the Ashford Disco, that it'll come back stretched, and ruined And, subtly, creepingly, it's downhill all the way after that. Cassandra desperately wants to see the best in Emma's every move but she just doesn't have the equipment to deal with her increasingly

outrageous machinations.

Without any slur on the author, the outcome is fairly predictable, but this good first novel has suspense for all that As for style, the gentle slang gives it colour but, next time the author needs to dare more, to expand from the merely literal.

Of course, in the way of English journalists. I must add that I'm not being antiintellectual about education. Knowledge and learning are always good. It's just that you shouldn't wrap them in tissue paper. Without giving it all away, the moral is: get wise:

# Unchanging archaeology of terror

MOST modern Russian novelists have been Socialist Realists, and hence Soviet writers, even when expressing an anti-Soviet message.

Solzhenitsyn exemplifies the rule from which Yury Dombrovsky (1909-1978), together with Pasternak and Bulgakov, is a rare exception. Dombrovsky is one of the clutch of repressed writers whose work has only recently become widely known in Russia. Exile for many years to the Kazakh capital Alma-Ata, almost on the Chinese border, long experience teaching foreign literature and a deep interest in archaeology, as well as painful years in prison camps, informed Dombrov-

sky's broad humanity. The writing, which takes up all these themes, is leisurely,

Lesley Chamberlain

THE FACULTY OF USELESS KNOWLEDGE By Yury Dombrovsky Harvill, £15.99

and, unlike Solzhenitsyn, almost shy to confront violence and suffering head-on. Its strength is to give us. as it were, the soap-opera background to the Stalinist evil.

The Faculty of Useless Knowledge's predecessor from 1966. The Keeper of Antiqui-ties, was justly acclaimed a masterpiece when it first appeared in English a few years ago. It skilfully combines social comedy with glimpses of



Dombrovsky: generous

Keeper, Dombrovsky's alter ego Georgy Zybin, is himself arrested in a fake scandal centred on the Alma-Ata archaeology museum.

Dombrovsky's lifth and last work, it was finished in 1975 and is the lesser novel, though its moral scope is vast. It is a necessary companion to The Keeper, showing us who could

resist the collective insanity of Gloria Swanson though not of believing enemies of the people round every corner and who could not. Claude Lanzmann's 1985 film Shoah took more than nine hours to convey the

ordinary circumstances from which the Holocaust arose; Dombrovsky's 200,000 words do a similar job for the Terror. and command one equally to attend even as the narrative digresses into yet another auxiliary tale.

The familiar details of ordinary lives stand out: what the fashionable are wearing and how the girls are filing their nails while their neighbours are being tortured. The Terror coincided with the golden years of Hollywood. The Alma-Ata purge comes about because the envious brother of a Moscow prosecutor decides to stage a rival set of show

trials. In Alma-Ata they talk of

him; nor of "them", who are daily edited out of the picture. Zybin grins, cavils, hits back.In a running demonstration of what is that faculty of useless knowledge by which we should most certainly live. Zybin loves animals, nature, people, beautiful objects. books and a history which he strives to feel in his own bones. The metaphor of archaeology is perfect for non-Sovietism. After digging for Roman re-mains in the East, the Keeper recuperates by gazing out over the Hellenistic Black Sea.

Marxist-Leninism is a mere ripple in time. Life goes on. It certainly does. I heard someone well-informed say recently that the Soviet regime was not as bad as all that Revisionism will try its luck with the Terror, just as it has with the Holocaust another reason to keep reading.

colloquial, generous and the Stalinist horror. The Facamusing. Here translated by uity of Useless Knowledge Alan Myers, it is undramatic carries on the story when the

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READING Ben Okri can be like listening to someone describe their latest dream. rambling, florid, visionary, full of an opaque personal significance, and yet capable of distilling a sequence of images which can rell their own story. When reading Dangerous Love. other similarities - overlong, indulgent, occasionally unintelligible suggest themselves, but this arould be to discredit a novel whose essentials, if filleted away from its superfluities,

Dangerous Love is a story of blighted youth, set during the 1970s in a deprived compound in a gheno of Lagos. The compound is a mire of filth. poverty, despair, violence and supersition, in which are



# The machinery of creative thought

rchie Brown, whose portrait of Mikhaii buro of Mikhail Sergeevich Gorbachev. Gorbachev goes well beyond ordinary political hagiography, is shrewd in one respect. He realises that the popular perception of Gorbachev, both in Russia and in the West, as a spent force of which many have only a dim recollection, has nothing to do with the actual career prospects of the man who, using pseudo-democratic instruments of power developed by the KGB, has already given us soviet totalitarianism with a One question about the post-Soviet patrician dodged in this

capitalist face. The apologist's timing is appearable. Met with derision when it was first announced, Gorbachev's entry into the presidential race has now been backed, despite the lack of an established party organcollected signatures. Whether he wins or not is beside the point, and Professor Brown is all too well aware of this. "There were quizzical looks in my audience at Yale University", he recalls, when on October 22, 1980, he announced that "an event of extraordinary potential significance-took place in Moscow esterday — the promotion to stratagem. full membership of the Polit-

THIS BOOK offers a run

round a shop where shelves

are stocked with delicate bone

chine. It will provoke discus-

sion, the authors hope for a

furore. Mixing journalism

and intricate technicality, they

reassert their opinion that

surviving scraps of an ancient copy of St Manhew's Gospel, split between Barcelona and

Magdalen College, Oxford,

should be dated about AD 50.

The handwriting led the great expert on papyri. Colin Rob-

erts, to assign it to the 2nd

century. Argument for knock-

ing 100 years off that hangs on

comparison between the Mag-

dalen papyrus and other pa-

pyri. But dating by hand-

writing leaves a margin of, say, 50 years. If, however, Thiede's dating

works, it puts back the date of the Gospel, and since Mat-

thew probably had Mark's

Gospel before him, that must

be even earlier. So the hypoth-

esis affirms that these two

Gospels were composed in the

On the side the book has an

agenda — to attack those who

doubt if the Gospels are as

reliable about Jesus as about

late-ist-century churches.

forties of the 1st century.

He held this opinion, he states, "long before it became fashionable" and continued to hold it "after it had ceased to be fashionable, at any rate in Russia". It is an opinion this reviewer shares: like George Bush's mastery of the smoke-filled room, Gorbachev's influence is not based on electoral approval, past or future. Quite the reverse. The coming election is a test of whether real power can translate into votes.

book is to do with his past. Yet the answer is simple: the KGB. was the Mayflower which brought Gorbachev out of provincial obscurity and onto the world stage. Another quesology of exploiting the "Soviet collapse", which he helped to engineer, to become the future master of Europe, stepping toward dictatorship through the 1920s type disarray of civil war, profiteer capitalism and parliamentary impotence. He would not be the first tyrant supported by a shadowy clique - think of Stalin's apparat - to deploy such a

Andrei Navrozov

THE GORBACHEV FACTOR By Archie Brown OUP, £19.99

Georgi Arbatov, appointed by the KGB in 1967 to head the Institute of the United States and Canada, where, in Professor Brown's happy phrase, "he took a genuinely pro-detente line", is cited here about a conversation he had with Yuri Andropov in 1977, Gorbachev. said the KGB chairman, is one of "the completely new people with whom it is really possible to link our hopes for the future". These words, almost identical to Margaret Thatch-

X Jith the death on July 17, 1978 of Fedor Kulakov, which Professor Brown, in another of his happy locutions, describes as 'relatively sudden" (adding, in a misleading footnote, that the "somewhat tautological" Pravda report at the time "had given rise to the speculation among Muscovites that his death was by suicide"), Gorbachev, a mere regional party secretary, moved to Moscow, taking the Brezhnevite's job in the Politburo. On October 21, 1980, the day

before Professor Brown's lecture at Yale, Pyotr Masherov. party secretary for the Belo-russian Republic and candidate member of the Politburo since 1966, was to be promoted to full membership. But as a few days earlier Masherov had "tragically perished", according to Pravda, "in a car accident", it was Gorbachev who got the promotion instead of the Brezhnevite. Masherov's name is not in Professor Brown's book.

But Andropov's patronage meant more than "wet jobs" well done. In addition to Arbatov's famous think-tank, during his 15-year tenure as KGB Chairman Androo sponsored a vast network of closed institutes" and "special organisations", many affiliated with the Academy of Sciences, to harness what Arbatov here calls "creative thought" and to lay the foundations of the less recognisably totalitarian and economically diversified regime he envisioned. Of another such "institute". Pro-

"a refuge for a number of independent thinkers who were to become very prominent proponents of transformative change in the Gorbachev era

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On December 24, 1983, from his sickbed, Andropov dictated to his aide Arkady Volsky (who today heads one of the most powerful "special organisations", the Business and Industry Union of Russia) his bequest of the Polithuro leadership to Gorbachev.

Two years later, after the KGB-organised purge of the old guard had been completed and Gorba-"transformative change" was unveiled, it was the new chairman of the KGB. Viktor Chebrikov, who first used the words "glasnost" and erestroika" in addressini the rank and file. That this "new party line"

was directed against the Cornmunist Party and brought about its effective dissolution is a small paradox by the standards of Soviet history. Yet Europe's future may depend on the West's ability to recognise that the new Andropov elite rules the old Soviet Union, and that Gorbachev is their man.

#### A. S. Byatt on the unique voice of Doris Lessing

# Passionate tale of the unexpected

Lessing: premonitory

acters are always in the grip LOVE, AGAIN of something - ideology. By Doris Lessing the zeitgeist, group dynam-Flamingo, £15.99 ics, biochemistry. In Love, Again (a wonderful title) they are gripped by the

most primeval and maddening force, erotic love, appearing unexpectedly, again. Again, and unwelcome in the case of Sarah Durham, who is 60 and had expected to live the rest of her life as a cool observer.

Sarah is a theatrical producer, part of a comfortable group in a fringe theatre, who put on a play based on the life and works of a 19th-century Frenchwoman, Julie Vairon, Julie was both independent - a beautiful girl from Martinique, gifted as a painter and musician, author of copious and moving diaries - and a victim, abandoned by two lovers, possibly the murderer of her child, who killed herself when marriage offered her stability and respectability.

She is an archetype of 19th-century heroinism, and more widely a spirit of romantic love, her name recalling both Rousseau's Julie and Shakespeare's Juliet. Her diaries are passionate and analytical, her music is romantic but also austere, drawing on the ancient formal romance of troubadour tyrics. She is, intentionally I believe, the most real person in the novel. One character, Stephen, co-author of the play, s in love with her; all are affected by her.

The study of the putting on of the play is, like much of Lessing's best work, the

study of the interaction of a group, and the kind of passions that flourish in closed worlds. It is seen through Sarah's eyes, as she fails in love, astounded, battered and always analytical, with not one but two men. First is the beautiful and compulsively

seductive Bill, young and androgynous and brash. Then there is the more shadowy Henry, the director, a responsible married man, who reciprocates her violent passionate feelings. Other actors and actresses are also involved in brief wildness and fierce grief. Another young actor develops a passion for Sarah to which in her besotted state she pays scant attention: when one is in love the beloved sheds rays of light everywhere; the unreciprocated lover is shadowy. It is as though some magic mushroom had shed spores on the assembled company.

The interesting thing about such violent sexual passion is its abstraction, which Lessing's heroines are intelligent enough to observe even while they are tormented in body and mind. Once aroused, the obsession is transferable. It is love that takes a grip on Sarah, not crude Bill or delicate Henry.

This novel is not a midsummer night's dream, nor yet a comedy of errors. It is harshly written, its characters drawn in broad brushstrokes, just recognisable rather than being delicate or sympathetic individuals — the central actor is love itself. Painful things are held up to be looked at — the

men besotted with young female flesh, who may be rejuvenated and comforted, and the dryness and pain of

Sarah's friendship with Stephen risks ruin from the greater force of sexual passion in both of them. Stephen mistakenly supposes himself the object of Sarah's awakened erotic attention; Sarah watches helplessly as he seeks for the dead woman in her living imitators, the actresses. On the periphery of this madness is

Sarah's brother, a complacent doctor, his exhausted wife, his two silly healthy daughters and his aimless and inadequate daughter, who is slipping into drugs and prostitution. If the play has a wild destructive life, the family has a dead destructive chill. But Sarah comes to see that her brother was her first and most absolute love, from which

all others take their form. Doris Lessing's recent autobiography also balanced a wise reflective voice with a sense that she

> little or no control over. These forces, both in this novel and in the autobiography, are symbolised by music, rhythms that set people tapping and humming and moving together, rather than thinking coolly. Doris Lessing's own unique voice, half intuitive prophet, half amused analyst of human folly, comes out variously and splendid-

herself, and all of us, are

driven by forces we have

ly in Putting the Question Differently: Interviews with Doris Lessing 1964-1994 (Flamingo. £7.99), published with the novel. Here she discusses with writers as varied as Joyce Carol Oates, Claire Tomalin, Christopher Bigsby and Brian Aldiss, as well as French and German interviewers, her ideas on communism and feminism. Africa and England, the profession of writing, and the difference between writers and academics, prophets, or philosophers.

SHE HAS, as some of the interviewers point out, an uncanny knack of writing premonitory novels about what the world will shortly come to be obsessed with - free women, the old, the terrorist. She has kept her eye on women's lives, from young girls drowsed with sex to old women invisible to everyone except those who fear becoming old women themselves. She has hoaxed the literary establishment with anonymous novels and been surprised when that establishment reacted with embarrassed irritation. Her mixture of passionate involvement

and the capacity to stand back and take a long look at what was going on, or will go on, is unlike that of any novelist writing now, except perhaps Saul Bellow, and the late Anthony Burgess. Love, Again grips, maddens, depresses and excites the reader from the first page to the last. And the interviews give guarded glimpses into the making of the novels and their world.

# Just when was the word?

Henry Chadwick

THE JESUS PAPYRUS By Carsten Peter Thiede and Matthew D'Ancona Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £16.99

There are steps in the argument about the dating of the Magdalen papyrus that arouse qualms. Thiede attaches great weight to the identification by a learned Spaniard of a scrap of Greek papyrus found in Qumran, Cave 7, commonly abbreviated 7Q5, found in 1955. The few surviving letters are compatible with being Mark 6: 52-53 provided one can explain the absence of three words attested in other lines of transmission but impossible to fit into the avail-

If the identification is correct, however, it would point to the conclusion that Mark's Gospel antedates the destruction of the Qumran buildings in AD 68, provided this site was not reoccupied after 68, eg, at the time of the Jewish revolt of Bar Cochba under

Hadrian 67 years later. That Mark's Gospel is not very late is a reasonable deduction from his passing reference (15:21) to Simon of Cyrene's sons, Alexander and Rufus, of whom Mark's community was evidently expected to know something. The reference to the "abomination of desolation" (13:14) points at least to a date after the emperor Caligula's proposal to compel the Jews to honour him by admitting to the Temple a vast statue of himself as a new manifestation of Zeus.

The fall of Jerusalem in AD 70 is probably not impor-tant in the dating problem. But if Peter and Paul died as

martyrs during Nero's perse-cution at Rome in 64, someone in the community was likely to think it was time to write down the memories of whatthe Aposties used to say with the intention of underlining the religious significance of the story, above all of the Passion narrative. Thiede and d'Ancona are

fessor Brown says that it was

likely to be near the truth in wanting to date the first three Gospels about the middle decades of the 1st century. The arguments from the papyri are regrettably too precarious to allow for the ringing cer-tainty with which undated scraps of papyrus are assigned to particular years or decades. Nevertheless, even if Magdalen's fragments are not sacred relics contemporary with the Gospel-makers, they are assuredly very ancient and to be revered.

MAGDALEN was given its treasure by Charles Huleatt, an evangelical missionary who was chaplain to British winter visitors at Luxor in the 1890s, died in the Messina earthquake of 1908, and is commemorated on a plaque at the Luxor hotel.



Qumran papyrus scroll fragment 7Q5: (Mark 6: 52-3)

# Demanding a future for love

Rachel Cusk

DANGEROUS LOVE By Ben Okri Phoenix House, £15.99

embedded two jewels: Omovo, a talented young painter, and Ifeyiwa, a beautiful girl from a distant village, imported against her will to marry a bullying slob named Takpo. In such surroundings, it is inevitable not only that they will fall in love, but will believe that they are destined to do so, a course as unavoidable and apparently fruitless

as their neighbours' misery. The danger of the title lies not so much in the possibility of the lovers' discovery, as in the optimism, the gampse of something better, their feel-

ings for each other engender. Okri's portrait of the benighted ghetto ranges in tone from the wryly comic to a luridness of Gothic proportions: the former accounting for the resilient sociability of the human spirit, the latter expressing a fastidious horror at the atrocities of the human condition. Okri has a good eye for this local traffic, its stories, its slang, its inevitable comedians, bullies and grotesques.

lethargy, its abject acceptance of the cosmic insult of its circumstances.

The stage is set early on for a powerful disquisition of a country where the future has been cancelled and the forces of life driven to mutiny. That none of it quite coheres is the fault more of Okri's writing than his vision. His style is possessed of a false economy: glances off its subject, never really finding a clean hit, so that more often than not he mauls the truth he is trying to apprehend by showering it with volleys of description.

That he succeeds neverthe-

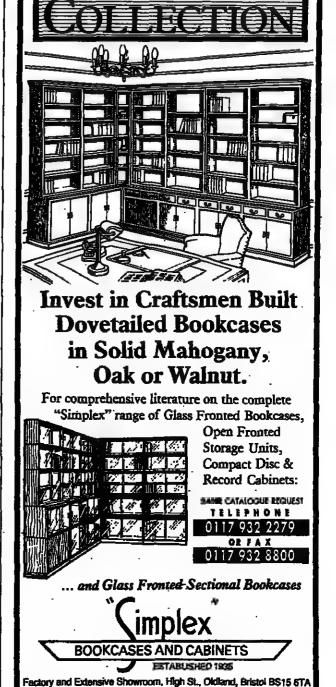
What is condemned is its less in smuggling images from his mind to the reader's suggests curiously that he is more sensitive to pictures than language. His landscape is memorable and his characters welldrawn; their motives and movements, their inner lives,

> Hemmed in by their author's outrage, they have little room to manoeuvre, for the emotional core of the novel has been hijacked by a more political sensibility. Some of Okri's more promising scenarios - Omovo's father's guilty second marriage, Takpo's ruminations on the ingratitude and inconstancy of

women - are left behind by a momentum which seeks a coup de théâtre where an untidier conclusion would do.

Omovo is the main casualty of this tendency: his final "moment of illumination" is the frenzied, incoherent outburst of a man trapped in the wrong medium, at the end of which one is not really much the wiser, and Omovo himself can merely conclude that "everything has significance".

Dangerous-Love has a good story, and a good story can speak for itself. Okri shouts, as if suspecting a certain deafness, whether his own or ours is unclear. Not everything, it might be added, has significance: if one is looking for human tragedy, that, perhaps, is where to find it.



# Why it pays to check in early

The European Union decid-

ed that this had happened so

often that it issued a directive

that if a passenger checks in on time — and that means at

the desk and not at the back of

the queue — and has a confirmed ticket, he or she

must be carried or is entitled to

compensation of about £270

for a journey of more than

3,500 miles, or half that

tions" at the gate offering everincreasing amounts of cash,

travel vouchers or other bene-

fits to passengers not to take a

particular flight. This means

that most of those who are

"bumped" are volunteers. But for those who really need to catch a particular a flight, how

can the risk be minimised?

Pay in advance, get the ticket

in your hand, reconfirm if you

are abroad and — above all —

Most airlines operate a pri-

ority scheme which ensures

that any disabled passenger,

those who have registered

their special needs or special

pleadings, members of fre-

quent-flyer programmes, exec-

utive club members and

anyone who knows how best

to massage the system are

given a seat. These are fol-

lowed by those who have paid

the full economy fare and then

Should all this be necessary?

Perhaps the time has come for

IATA to refuse to grant a

licence to those travel agents

who persistently overbook.

And perhaps business passengers who do not arrive for a flight could be charged an

It would be a brave airline

which launched such a scheme

- it could alienate its most

lucrative class of traveller, the

one prepared to pay through the nose for the right to be a

nuisance if he or she wants to

be. If the whole process was

ended it would also take away

from economy class passengers that thrilling, but all too rare, chance of being up-graded into the seat which had

been booked by the truant

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business class passenger.

inconvenience" fee.

check in early.

Some airlines hold "auc-

amount for fewer miles.

undreds of transat-lantic airline passen-gers found them-the computer gets it wrong. The European Union decid-ed that this had happened so selves temporarily stranded at Heathrow last week as the number of "bumped" passengers reached record levels.

Airlines blamed a combinamakers and American tourists who had bought special offer tickets, the return portion of which had to be used before the end of March.

I suspect that many more travellers will be at risk from this most annoying of practices during this busy Easter weekend.

Why do airlines do it? The answer is simple and logical to the airline industry, but infuriating to those affected by it. Business travellers and their travel agents are most to



blame. Often with casual disregard for the convenience of fellow passengers, they make bookings on up to five flights. knowing they can use only one. Because they are paying a full business class fare they believe that they are entitled to whatever flight they want. Others paying less, apparent-

Over-keen travel agents block-book seats on flights which they expect to sell, and then forget to tell the airline that the booking has not

A full-price ticket has по restrictions and can be collected and paid for on departure, or a refund can be had if it is not issued. On average between 10 and 15 per cent of all tickets booked — mainly business class — are not used.

Airlines have, therefore, devixed sophisticated programmes to predict what flights on which routes might have the most "no shows", then deliberately overbook them to avoid flying with empty seats.

The problem comes when

parks will this Easter be admitting children on the basis of height rather than age in an attempt to end confusion over what age a child needs to be to qualify for cheaper entry prices, David Churchill writes

Thorpe Park in Surrey. Theme Park in Lancashire, and Drayton Manor Park near Tamworth, West Midlands. are among several theme parks which now charge according to how tall children are. "It is a fairer method because there are some rides on which children cannot go because of their size, so they should get in for less," said a spokeswoman for Thorpe

# Theme parks are to charge by the inch

Children visiting Thorpe Park, a favourite with the children, are allowed in free if they are less than 0.9 metres high. For those between 0.9 metres and 1.4 metres, the price is EII.25 and those taller than this are charged £13.25. Children are measured on admission by the character Harley the Cat to determine

how much they pay.

At Camelot, those under 1

metre in height are admitted

metre the price is £12.99. Drayton Manor Park charges a small entry fee then admis-sion to the rides of £6 for those under 1.2 metres, and £9 over

Not all theme park operators, however, believe that charging by height is fair. "We think it is rather discriminatory." says Chessington World of Adventures in Surrey, which charges children aged between four and 14 Chessington does operate some height restrictions on its biggest thrill rides for safety reasons. Riders on Rameses Revenge, for example, have to be at least 4ft 10in, but not taller than 6ft 10in. "Other-wise, the safety harness would

not fit," says a spokeswoman. What constitutes a child also varies from park to park. The new Legoland Park at Windsor charges child prices

(£12) from three to 15, while at Alton Towers, the child price of £13 covers ages four to 13

At Oakwood Park at Narberth, Dyfed, which this summer is due to open Europe's biggest wooden rollercoaster at a cost of £1.8 million, child prices (£7.95) apply to those aged between three and nine.

Thorpe Park, which last week was voted Best United Kingdom Theme Park in the 1996 Parent Friendly Awards. organised by the Tommy's Campaign in London, has also launched a Plan Ahead ticket which it claims makes it cheaper than its rivals. For two adults and two children. the cost is £40, a saving of £9

### FENRY... BARGAINS

### Price cuts on duty-free

duty-free prices in a daytrip promotion valid throughout April. Litres of gin, whisky and vodka cost £7.99; with other offers on beer and cigarettes. Bookings must be made by April 20 for travel from Dover, Newhaven or Southampton, with prices £15 a car and £1 a passenger, or £5 for foot passengers. De-tails: 0990 767676.

DRIVELINE Europe is offering advanced dis-counts on Le Shuttle crossings for late-night drivers. A five-day return costs £69, a 28-day return £79 for travel between 9pm and 5am, returning at any time. The offer is valid until October 30. Details: 01707 660011.

THOVERSPEED has April offers for a car and five passengers. A threeday return Folkestone-Boulogne costs £49 (four days £59, five days £69). On Dover-Calais a threeday return is quoted at £59 (four days £69, five days £79). Details: 01304

SWANSEA Cork Ferries has booked two jazz. bands to play on October 24 crossings over the Irish Sea to celebrate the Guinness Cork Jazz Festival from October 25 to 28. The company is offering two nights B&B in Cork and ferry from £130 a person. Details: 01792

LE SHUTTLE has packaged short breaks from £55 a person in the Champagne region or Le Touquet to include a crossing through the tunnel and one night B&B. based on two people sharing a room. Details: 0990 353535.

# Boom in holiday villages

BY TONY DAWE

WITH Center Parcs reporting that its three holiday villages in England are fully booked for Easter, rival companies are stepping up their efforts to tap the booming all-inclusive. all-action market.

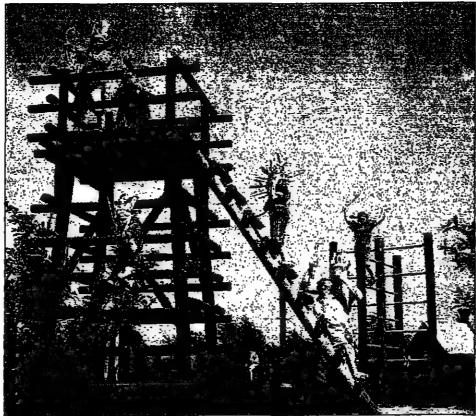
Gran Dorado Parcs & Hotels is mounting a determined campaign to encourage British tourists to take the short ferry trip across the North Sea to visit its six parks in Holland and Germany and is planning three more centres which, it believes, will appeal strongly

Oasis Villages, part of the Rank Organisation, has started building work on its first project in the Lake District, and a second in Kent is in

the planning stage.

The companies' choice of sites emphasises a growing belief in the tourist industry that visitors want to stay in holiday villages which boast outside attractions as well as all the leisure, sporting and restaurant facilities inside.

Micke van Numen, of Center Parcs, says that though people taking weekend breaks seldom want to leave the villages, those staying for longer are keen to take day trips. The company's newest village in Britain is at Longleat, close to the Marquess of Bath's stately home, and Bath and Bristol. The company attracted 3.5 million



Gran Dorado, with six holiday villages in Germany and Holland, is targeting British tourists

visitors to its 14 parks in Europe last year, more than stay in many leading international hotel chains.

"Holiday villages are enjoying a boom but they will have to change to keep attracting

visitors," says Jan van der Dussen, president of Gran Dorado. Holidaymakers enjoy the setting and the facilities but they want to find something interesting outside."

He believes that the Gran

Dorado village at Zandvoort will be particularly attractive to British visitors, as it is set within a popular seaside resort with good beaches and is within easy reach of Amsterdam. "Even with the ferry far less than staying in a hotel with similar facilities," Mr yan der Dussen adds. The company earned four times more from British visi-

Zandvoort will cost a family

tors last year than in 1994 and although the £800,000 revenue was a tiny fraction of the company's total earnings of £140 million. Mr van der Oussen believes it was a significant development.

The company has earmaked two sites close to Berlin for new villages which are expect-ed to attract visitors from across Europe. Mr van der Dussen says: "It is hard to think of anywhere else in the world where holidaymakers could stay in a rural setting with so many facilities yet be so close to a famous city."

Julie Gould, a spokes-woman for Oasis Villages. says: "All holiday villages tend to be destinations in their own right but the choice of a site close to Penrith in a wellestablished tourist area for our first development will be an added advantage."

The company is seeking planning permission for a second village between Canter-bury and Dover in Kent. where its proximity to the Channel might lead to a reversal of the current trend of visitors from the Continent be ing lured to an English park instead of British tourists being urged to go overseas.

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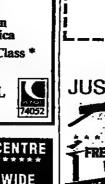


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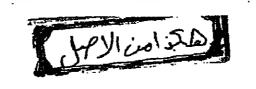


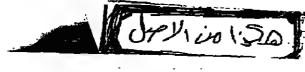
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Eurostar

By JONATHAN PRYNN

THE handover of the Eurostar high-speed train service to private consortium including the Virgin Group has been delayed for a month by a Brussels wrangle over the subsidy promised by the Government to the company.

· London & Continental Railways (LCR) was due to take over the running of the capitalto capital trains from the Govemment on April I after its victory in the competition for the E3 billion Channel Tunnel rail link contract. But the formal transfer of ownership of European Passenger Services (EPS), the state-owned company that operates Eurostar, is now unlikely to take place before the end of the month and could be postponed until May.

The delay, which has caused

intense frustration for LCR officials, has been caused by unforeseen problems in obtaining Brussels approval for a government write-off of EPS's debts.

Britain's European partners are closely scrutinising the terms of the write-off after British complaints about the state aid paid by the Spanish Government to Iberia and by the French Government to Brittany Ferries.

An LCR official said: "Other countries want to know exactly what is happening before they rubber-stamp the deal. An issue that was thought to be non-controversial is now having to be looked at carefully. It will take only two or three weeks but it has come at an embarrassing time - just after the Iberia and

Brittany Ferries problems.

"LCR is all ready to go; it's just a matter of the Department of Transport getting its act together. It is frustrating for us because we want to start sorting out the ticketing and reservations." LCR began paying a share

of EPS's operating losses, which are thought to be running at £100 million a year, from April I in return for being allowed some limited operational involvement before the formal handover.

Three senior former Virgin Atlantic executives have already been seconded to EPS's head office to try to start work on the ticket sales, marketing and finances of Eurostar.

# Ferry aid sparks row

FRENCH government plans to give Brittany Ferries £40 million in subsidies to offset the high costs of European social chapter legislation have been attacked by the Channel Tunnel operator Le Shuttle, Harvey Elliott writes.

"We have protested to the French Transport Ministry and we are seeking to take it p with the European Commission." said a spokesman for Le Shuttle in London. "We want them to make a decision on whether or not this subsidy is legal and, if necessary, we will challenge it in the courts."

Rival ferry companies-are still waiting for the final details of the subsidy to be made clear before deciding what to do. but it is likely that both P&O and Stena Sealink will protest.

Brittany Ferries is owned by a consortium of local authorities in northwest France. It has been complaining for years that the French insistence on complying with European labour legislation has landed the company with costs which are far higher than its British-owned rivals.

French employment laws, the company says, mean that it has to pay 43 per cent of its staff salaries to the Government in the form of insurance and social costs as opposed to 12 per cent for UK companies. This amounts to more than £10 million a year, it claims, and the French Government should offer compensation.

With additional port charges and tighter controls over duty-free sales on board its vessels. Brittany Ferries claims that it is at a serious competitive disadvantage to its rivals. The problems for Brittany

Ferries are similar to those for Air France, which has also asked for subsidies and been challenged by its British competitors. It throws into sharp focus the likely costs involved in signing up for the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty.

Euro-sceptics will maintain that it proves that the legislation will push up prices while the French will claim that true competition can be achieved only if Britain abides by the

# Waits for By Harvey Elliott Palgnton zoo in Devon is this is expected to increase to palgnton as the new develop. We will be a trans. When the palgnton is the new develop.

forming itself into an environtheme park which could become a blueprint for

200s in the 21st century.

The scheme, which was unveiled yesterday, includes the creation of five specific 'habitats' in which animals, insects and plants can live in conditions as close as possible to those of the wild. The European Regional

Development Fund is providing £2.0 million in grants to the zoo and the entire project should be completed in time for the summer. Paignton Zoo was first opened in 1923 by its founder,

Herbert Whitley, who wanted to teach local children about wild animals. In 1955 the Whitley Wildlife Conservation Trust was formed as a scientific and educational charity to operate both the zoo and the Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve in south Devon. More than 275,000 people visited the zoo last year and

THE long decline of that curious Victorian phenome-

non, the pleasure pier, has mirrored the fall from grace of

the traditional British seaside

Now there is a new drive to focus interest on an often neglected aspect of coastal heritage.

This, the Year of the Pier,

inevitably leans heavily on nostalgia — images of ladies

promenading in long skirts,

parasols and boaters protect-

ing fair English skins against

the scurge of sunburn - but

the real aim of the promotion

is to ensure their survival

through a nationwide pro-

There will be acrobatic dis-

plays over at least 11 of the 28

participating piers including

Clacton, where Morecambe

and Wise were once regular

At Great Yarmouth, whose

pavilion was once burnt

down, allegedly by suffrag-ettes, and where, ironically,

those idols of unrestrained

womanhood the Chippendales

will play this summer, there will be fireworks.

Brighton's Palace Pier, where Edward VII prome-

naded and Gustav Holst

played the trombone, was left

to run down before it was

rescued for posterity, and will

stage an exhibition of evoca-

Eastbourne Pier, reckoned

to be one of the finest examples

of Victorian engineering skill

and currently undergoing a

E1.5 million improvement

scheme, will see raft racing

and a Mad Hatter's tea party.

Clarence Pier at Southsea,

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ments progress. Among the visitors were 29,000 students who took part in both residential and day courses.

The five new habitats will

be: a tropical rainforest within a heated glass-covered building and elevated walkways in the upper tree canopy; a savannah area where breed-ing groups of endangered species will mingle with elephant and giraffe; a forest with a walk-through aviary. woodland enclosures for endangered Asiatic lions and Sumatran tigers and an island home for great apes: a wetland area will feature plant and animal life of marshlands and riverbanks; and there will also be 50 acres of Devon woodland with night viewing of resident wild badgers and artificial moonlight.

Children will be encouraged with special activity areas with features such as underwater periscopes and views inside

Return to the pier

where Lord Nelson clambered

into a longboat en route for

Trafalgar, will open two new

rides: the terrifying Monster Express and the Ultimate

At Llandudno, former mem-

bers of the old pier orchestra.

once conducted by an aspiring

Malcolm Sargent, will enter-

Weymouth, a resort populari-

sed by George III, the first

monarch to use a bathing

machine. It opened in 1812, the

year of Napoleon's retreat

the Isie of Wight, and by the

mid-19th century, pier-build-

ing had become a mania to

match the earlier digging of

canais, with one or two new

They were symbols of civic

ones opening every year.

A year later came Ryde on

from Moscow.

The first pier was built at

tain holidaymakers again.



This Sumatran tiger at Paignton Zoo is to get a new habitat

## World's biggest party

By David Churchill

THE world's biggest birthday party will be held today when inter-Continental Hotels cele-brates its fiftieth anniversary by giving every guest at its 179 hotels worldwide a small birthday cake.

Cakes will vary in their Ingredients from hotel to hoel such as a praline cake in New Orleans and a traditional date cake at the hotels in Saudi Arabia. The Churchill Inter-Continental in London is creating the Winston Churchill birthday cake; the Willard Inter-Continental in Washington Abraham Lincoln's favourite election cake.

Robert Collier, Inter-Continental's joint managing director, says that 32,000 cakes will be served around the world. The anniversary of the company's formation will not be backward-looking. "We are," he says. "very conscious of our expansion plans, which means that we expect to beat easily our target of 200 hotels by the year 2000." Many of these hotels will be built in emerging overseas cities in the Far East and Latin America. Inter-Continental is opening a hotel in Taiwan later this year, followed by others in Cambodia and China.

Mr Collier admits that many of these are "difficult" destinations. "But," he says, "as an international chain serving business travellers we have to be where the markets are developing the fastest."

several of its British and French properties. Rates start from £99 for two nights

for two people at the Effingham Park Hotel, including a day out at the Bluebell Railway. Details: 0800 414 741.

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#### BARGAINS OF THE WEEK

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bed and breakfast accommo-

dation is available for £259

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from Gatwick for E7 less on

April 19. Details: 01293

SAVINGS of £185 per

person for a week in Eilat.

with departures from Heath-

row or Manchester next

Thursday, are available from Longwood Holidays.

The new price for bed and breakfast accommodation is

£405. Details: 0181-551 4494.

HOLIDAYS

is offering a special price of £199 per person for the last week of the season in a catered chalet at Courchevel with departures from Gat-

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wick on April 14. Details: 0181-715 [122 El SPEND £21 a night in Kenya is the offer from Tropical Places, with three weeks' half-board at an Indian Ocean hotel costing £449 per person, with Gatwick

departures on April 21 and 28. Details: 01342 825123.

TURKEY for a week for £139 per person is among the late offers from Lunn Poly. with flights from Manchester on April 28. Details:

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BARGAIN HOTELS spring breaks are available

from Copthorne Hotels at

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☐THE Good Bed and Breakfast Guide was published yesterday by the Consumers' Association, offering more than 1,100 recommendations for as little as £15 per person per night. Which? Books, £14.99.

Lyons, Bordeaux. Nice.

☐ AT THE same time both these airlines have introduced lower, yet flexible, fares for travellers aged over 60: London-Paris costs from £114 with London-Bordeaux available from £176. Details:

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France, covering more than 600 properties inspected by the French Bed and Breakfast Association, has also just been published. £5.50, including postage. Details: 01491 578803.

GARDEN and needlecraft weekends are the latest packages from Hilton National. First on offer is from April 26-28 at its Leeds hotel. taking in Harrogate Flower Show and Ripley Castle. Cost for two nights is £139. Details: 01923 434000 and ask for special events.

MARRIOTT Hotels has produced its first golf brochure, covering seven of its UK hotels with II courses between them. Prices start at £69 per person per day. Details: 01582 567899.

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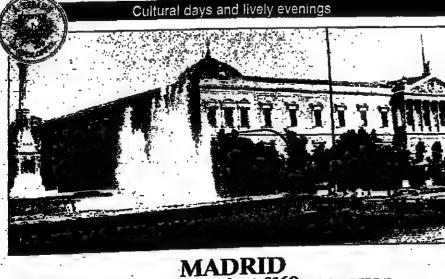
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# Beware the passport rush

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pride and the new economic

success of Britain's seaside

towns, and their popularity

was enhanced by the spread of

railways and the passing of the 1871 Bank Holiday Act.

indignities since. Felixstowe

Pier was blown up twice during the Second World War

for lear the enemy might land

on it. Plymouth's was heavily

bombed, Minehead's was

wiped out altogether, to give

defending gunners a clear line

Southend, the longest of all,

was taken over by the Navy,

ravaged by fire and cut in two

by a coaster. But it stimulated

Sir John Betjeman to write a

line which the organisers of

the promotion hope will pro-

vide inspiration for others:

The Pier is Southend, South-

end is the Pier.

of sight.

They have suffered many

makers that they must now obtain a full ten-year passport before travelling abroad seem to have fallen on deaf ears.

United Kingdom Passport Agency officials say that thousands of people who have become used to buying an instant British Visitors Passport just before they go abroad may now be unable to travel if they do not have the full passport.
The BVP was formally abol-

ished in January and even those going on a day trip to France must now buy a full ten-vear passport. But officials at the agency

report that the expected rush since the BVP was dropped has not taken place. A senior passport agency

official says: "We have issued more than six million leaflets and have told everyone who bought a BVP during 1995 about its abolition. Despite the publicity, the public has been slow to react to this major change in travel documents. So far, we have not seen a significant demand from the 1.2 million people who bought

Now the agency fears that there will be a surge in demand later this year, which could put at risk the agency's

BVPs in 1995."

ATTEMPTS to warn holiday—attempts to issue a passport makers that they must now within 15 working days. Anyone applying now for a full passport, which costs £18. can expect to have it returned in about five working days. But the agency says that later in the year it could take up to

five weeks.

Post Offices will now check applications for passports before sending them to the agency for processing at a charge of £2.75. In a new move, main Post Offices are to be allowed to sell airline

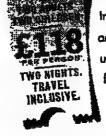
Richard Dykes, the managing director of Post Office Counters, says: "Post Offices have traditionally offered travel-related services such as passport applications and the Elll health insurance

"Customers can also now buy foreign currency, transfer cash internationally and take out travel insurance at 18,500 Post Offices. Offering flight tickets is a natural extension of these services."

The new service is on trial at the Trafalgar Square office in London for 18 months, during which time four or five other sites will be opened. If it proves a success, the scheme will be expanded throughout the country.



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# Daly seeks form in dry run for Masters

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

IT IS April in Georgia and a golf tournament starts this morning. It cannot be the Masters already, can it? Indeed not, although the azaleas are in bloom, as is the cherry blossom and dogwood. It is the BellSouth Classic, which before the start of the Masters and is thus elevated into an event of international signifi-

Seven Europeans are competing at the Atlanta Country Club here, 20 miles northwest of the centre of the city where the Olympics will begin in 107 days. The invasion force is led by Colin Montgomerie, who drove here from Jacksonville. Florida, where he finished equal second in The Players' Championship on Sunday.



Daly: sympathy

and comprises Ian Woosnam, Severiano Ballesteros, Sandy Lyle, Costantino Rocca, Sam Torrance and Alexander

Few of them have any experience of this hilly course. which has bent-grass greens and swooping, tree-lined fairways, and thus is more than slightly reminiscent of Augusta. Few are in any kind of form, either. Montgomerie was the only one of those who played who made the cut in

Jacksonville. One who does know this course is Stephen Keppler, an Englishman and former Walker Cup player, who is a club professional in Georgia. Last year, almost for a lark, Keppler entered a qualifying competition and, after getting through, then almost lived out a fairy-tale by sharing the lead with Jim Gallagher Jr after 54 holes. Keppler's 71, one under par, in the fourth round was a highly creditable score for a player who was not used to tournament pressure, even though Gallagher pulled ahead of him, and Mark

Calcavecchia came charging through the field to overtake them both and win.

It was here two years ago that John Daly won his first tournament after becoming a teetotaller. It was his last victory in the United States, and it came eight weeks after he returned from his suspension for leaving the course during a tournament in Ha-waii. "It was more important for me than the US PGA because I won it sober." Daly, the Open champion, said. "That was when I knew I could do it — not drink, I mean. I had been sober for five months then."

There are days when Daly can be a beguiling figure, when his tendency to give up in tournaments in which he starts badly is forgotten, and when his hell-raising past appears to be behind him. There are at present an increasing number of days when Daly appears to be accepting the responsibilities that go with his status as the only player under 30 to hold two major championships. He is realising he has become a folk here to blue-collar workers: the people's champion.

The other night he was wandering around the hotel waving cheerfully at friends. In an open-necked shirt and shorts, he cut an increasingly sympathetic figure as he bravely ignored the siren calls of the bar. He has started practising much harder, too. This was first noticeable in Singapore in January, when he stepped off the plane and went straight to the practice ground for three hours, and it has continued. This is in marked contrast to last year. when he sometimes did no more than hit a few drives and putts before a tournament.

Last Sunday we had a 12.50 ree-time and John wanted me at the course by 9.20," Greg Rita. Daly's caddie, said. "Thursday we were there at 10 o'clock for a 1.20pm start. He has already practised more

this year than all of last." Daly needs to, however, because in the six events he has competed in this year he has won less than £50,000. and even his traditional strength, his long hitting. seems to have deserted him. He ranks 150th in accuracy and 35th in distance this year. When he hooked a drive last Sunday, he threw the club to a child in his gallery and said: Here, take this. You can hit it better than I can."



Jacklin, feeling the pressure on the US Senior Tour, is in a hurry to become a two-million dollar man

# Jacklin seizing second chance

ony Jacklin is having fun but he is a man under pressure. At 51, he is fretting about dollars, constantly calculating, totting up every cent as he edges closer to his goal — a safe haven well inside the top 70 all-time money-winners in America.

Once there, the former British and US Open champion will be able to relax a little, knowing his place on the lucrative Senior PGA Tour, a golden nest egg for the silverhaired, is secure.

"I need to get to two million dollars sharpish," Jacklin. who has won twice since he joined the tour in July 1994 and is now 78th on the alltime list with \$1,026,864, said. Tve been moderately successful up to now but I'm still grinding. The thought of having to go to the qualifying school petrifies me."

Having played in Europe for most of his career, he earned only \$352,179 on the US PGA Tour. Last season he played 35 tournaments and finished 31st on the Senior money-list. earning \$387,214 but retaining his exempt status by just \$317 — only the top 31 earners each year are A former Open champion, topping up his pension fund, talks to Patricia Davies

guaranteed to be among the chosen few the following

The tour -- golf's invitation not to retire — has grown from two tournaments worth \$250,000 in 1980 to 44 events worth \$37 million in 1996. Cadillac, one of the leading sponsors, reckoned over \$250 million worth of business was a direct result of their involvement. The tour is not the greatest thing since sliced bread — it is manna from heaven.

Jacklin, one of the crumbchasers, sees his decision to stay in Europe in his prime as a mistake. He lost his zest for the game that had been his life and was glad to give it up. Now he is eager again. "Having a second opportunity is fantastic," he said, "but this time I was determined to do it for me. I'm playing for fun again, to see how good I can be - like I started out to do."

Jacklin looks after his game and Astrid, his wife, in Florida supervising the builders this week (the house should be ready next month), takes care of everything else. He is loving the challenge.

although he stresses the "I don't believe for a minute that people fully understand how difficult it is to stay out here on this tour. There are 78 spots every week and, if you're not in that 78, you're nowhere. The money's there. but you've got to play like hell to get any of it. I suspect people think the fat belies. these old guys, are only playing exhibition golf, but not one person out here sees it as an exhibition tour."

ertainly not Jim Colbert, last season's No i, nor Raymond Floyd, nor Dave Stockton, nor Bob Murphy, nor Isao Aoki, the Jacklin of Japan. They all won more than \$1 million in 1995. And certainly not the irrepressible Gary Player, second in three of the last four events, fit as a flea at 60, extolling the virtues of the tour's new official health drink, raving about his new driver that hits it 25-30 yards further and railing against the iniquities of ageism brainwashing", he calls it.

This week they are all at The Tradition at Desert Mountain in Arizona's Sonora desert, north of Phoenix, to be even more spoilt than they are most weeks. The event's avowed intention is to provide a week of camaraderie with some fierce competition thrown in - for the legends of the game. The trophy, discovered in Scotland, looks remarkably like an old claret jug but, sadly. Brian Barnes. the Senior British Open champion, was not invited. The British event is considered a worthy one by Player but not by the powers-that-be in the land of the free.

The purse is a million with mouthwatering mountain views and towering saguaro cactus far older than Player will ever be, and Jack Nicklaus defends the title. Named golfer of the century as long ago as 1988, he could claim his hundredth victory on Easter Sunday, although he might prefer to wait a

# Take a tip from ball!! Leadbetter and you will be in good company.

AS THOUGH proof of its constantly enhanced status in the world of amateur golf were needed. The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf The · Challenge has forged a link with the best-known golf coach in the world.

David Leadbetter is the man who turned Nick Faldo from a good player into one of the greatest British golfers of all time, and his teaching methods have set the standard to which many aspire but few

Leadbetter has a client list that is the envy of his fellow teachers. It includes Faldo, Nick Price, David Frost, Bernhard Langer, Ernie Els and many more. Faldo and Leadbetter met in the mid-Eighties, and the Worthing-born Zimbabwean methodically took apart the component parts of Faldo's swing and pieced it back together. The Faldo that emerged went on to win three Open Championships and two

David Leadbetter Golf Academies (DLGA), a net-work of 16 teaching facilities in a dozen countries, is the official supplier of golf instruction to the Corporate Challenge, and will be supporting the competition throughout the season, as well as being at the national final in Spain in November and some of the regional finals.

The European headquarters of the Academies is at Chart Hills in Kent. Designed by Faldo, the course will host one of the Challenge's regional finals in October. "We're delighted to be involved with the Challenge," Michael Pask, the European manager of DLGA, said. "It is a highquality event and is just the sort of tournament with which we like to be identified."

Pask's comments were echoed by John Mitchell, managing director of Mitchell Marketing Associates, which conceived the Challenge and continues to run it on behalf of the joint title sponsors, The Times and MeesPierson, the Dutch-owned merchant bank. association with

DLGA is further testimony to the quality names that are involved with our event," Mitchell said. "The pinnacle of our tournament is always the national final at La Manga, and last year we enjoyed the company of the Titleist longdriving team, Mark Adams and Rick Glynn, who are now officially established as the biggest hitters in world golf.
This year our national

finalists will have the opportunity to witness at first hand the methods that have made



the David Leadbetter Golf Academies the best in the business. We will be looking to provide competition possibilities for readers of The Times and the players in the

Challenge."
The Academies are staffed by world-class instructors who have received personal coaching by Leadbetter. Selected personally by Leadbetter, they are certified instructors in the "Leadbetter Method", the essential strength of which is that the same guiding princifines taught to leading professionals can also be used to help amateur players, wheth-



Leadbetter: coaches Faldo

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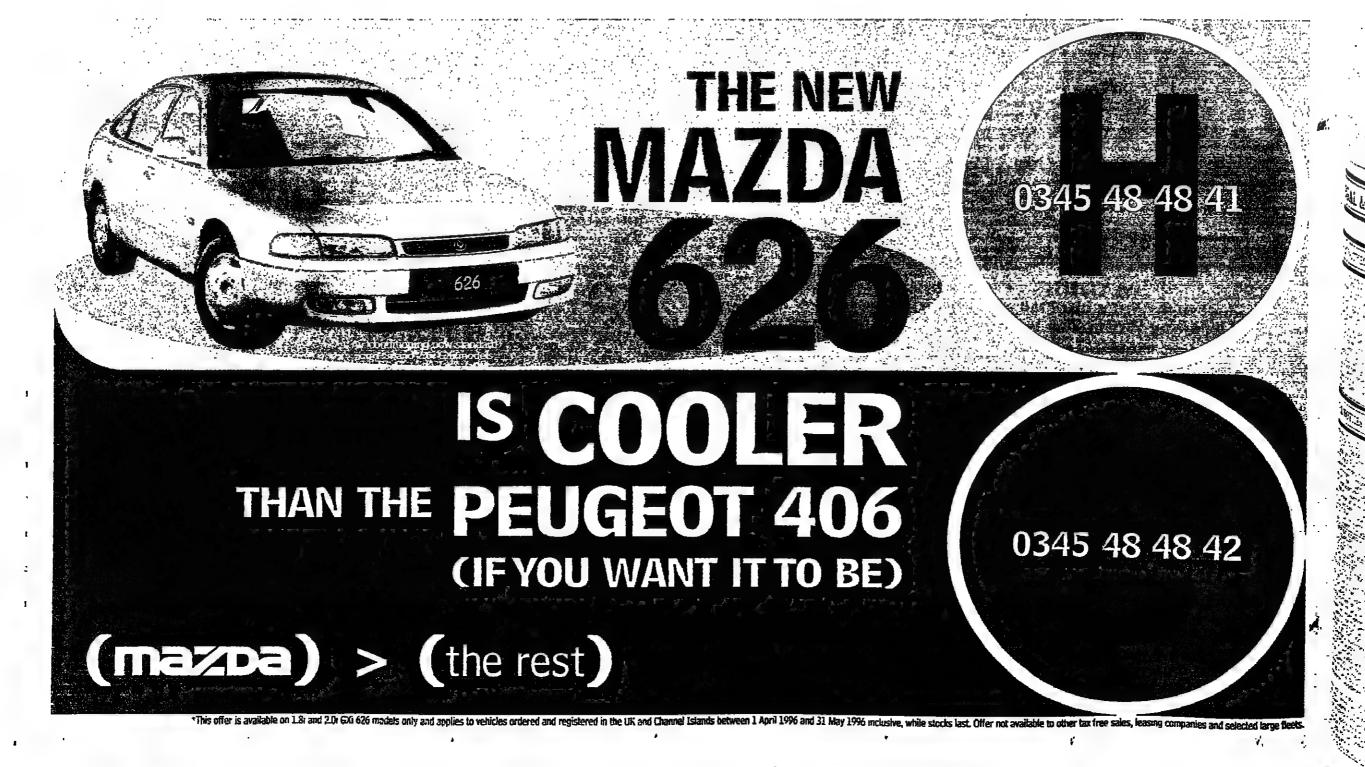
Golf is just about the perfect medium for company executives to be with clients or prospective customers — there are few other corporate hospitality exercises that give the opportunity to hold the exclusive attention of the personal, with whom one is playing for between four and five hours.

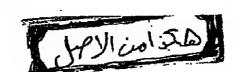
In a little over three years. the Challenge has established itself as a powerful extra tool for company golf day organisers. Its philosophy has always been constantly to provide more value to those entering; its link with DLGA is just another illustration of the point.

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Details of how to enter the Challenge can be obtained from the Challenge offices (017) 436 3415).

☐ Mr I. McBain, of 10 Clarendon Road, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, is the winner of the Challenge launch competition to win a set of Titleist DCI irons.





WRSDAY APRIL

# etter and Hughes fined and banned for banned for high points tally By Our Sports Staff

sea forward, was yesterday banned for two matches and fined £1,000 by the Football Association for accumulating 45 disciplinary points. Hughes, who has been booked 14 times and sent off once this season, will miss the matches against Aston Villa at Stamford Bridge on Saturday and at Bolton on Easter Monday. He said: "I can't have any complaints about the fairness of the hearing. I just have to

Gienn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, accompanied Hughes to the hearing. "It is about what we expected, but it is a shame because we will miss Mark's experience over the next couple of matches," he said. "It's an important time for us because it looks as though we might have to win all our remaining games to qualify for Europe next season and Mark is a big loss. I think the bookings he has had have been for petty things and we are going to have to do something about that

"But he has not been booked for anything malicious and it's just that the new rules on bookings this season have made things hard." Hughes,

DARREN ANDERTON, the

England and Tottenham

Hotspur midfield player, has

had another setback in his efforts to regain full fitness in

time for the European champ-

ionship this summer (Russell

Anderton was due to play in

a reserve match against West

Ham United on Tuesday but

was forced to withdraw after

suffering some reaction fol-

lowing a training session.
It is now unlikely that he

first team for the game against

Nottingham Forest on Satur-day, as had been hoped, and

time is running out for him to:

earn inclusion in the England

Kempson writes).

Tottenham taking no

risks with Anderton

will return to the Tottenham told by a specialist yesterday

squad for the European finals, season, against Everton.

32, has served three suspenspokesman, said: "Harford sions, totalling seven matches, was censured and warned as to his future conduct and has

In February last year, lan Wright, the Arsenal forward. was banned for four matches and also fined £1,000 after collecting more than 41 points for accumulated bookings. Mick Harford, of Wimble-

don, escaped with a warning after pleading guilty to a charge of bringing the game into disrepute. He was charged for making gestures at Chelsea supporters during the FA Cup quarter-final draw at Stamford Bridge last month. Steve Double, the FA

Hughes: no complaints

although Terry Venables, the

England coach, has promised

to keep a place open for him as

long as possible.
Anderton, 24, had groin

surgery in September. "It was a big operation." Tony

Lenaghan, the Tottenham

physiotherapist, said. "We

can't rush it and risk another

Gareth Southgate, the As-

ton Villa defender, another

player hoping to play in the

European championship, was

that he will not require sur-

gery on the knee injury re-

ceived against Liverpool on

Sunday. He hopes to be back

for the final match of the

strain or pull."

Double said: "We cannot release details of any punishment until the player and his club have been informed."

accepted the charge."

Harford, 37, said: "I sup-pose it's fair enough, but this

was my first appearance in front of the FA disciplinary

people in my 20-year career,

Mark Ford, of Leeds Uni-

and I don't think that's bad."

ted, was also due to appear

before the FA after accumulat-

ing 45 disciplinary points, but

his involvement in last night's

match against Southampton

at Elland Road meant that his

case will now be dealt with by

Carling Premiership

Manchester United's achievements last month were recognised by two awards yesterday. Eric Cantona was named Carling player of the month and Alex Ferguson picked up the March managerial award. Cantona's award was in recognition of the string of vital goals he scored to take United to the top of the Premiership. He scored all four of United's league goals during the month, and his goal against Tottenham Hotspur at Old Trafford on March 24 was his fiftieth in 100 league appearances for the

Ferguson's award is his fourth under Carling's spons-orship and his second of the season. Ferguson also denied contacting European Cup semi-finalists Panathinaikos about George Donis. United scouts were said to have watched the 27-year-old winger in action against Legia Warsaw and were reportedly watching him again in Amsterdam last night when the Greek club played Ajax in the

European Cup semi-finals. Donis, who has 20 international caps, is recognised as the fastest winger in Greek football and is out of contract this summer. Ferguson said: We're watching players all over Europe, but we have not been in touch with Panathinaikos.'



# Barcelona score vital away goals

Deportívo's final aim

their Brazil midfield player,

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By OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE sound of shattering illusions was too much for many in Munich on Tuesday night. A quarter-linal trouncing of Notingham Forest and then a league defeat of Borussia Dortmund had convinced many Bayern supporters that their team was not simply good enough to win the Uefa Cup, it was destined to, it was simply pre-ordained. But, before a near-capacity crowd underneath the trademark canopy of the Olympic Stadium, Barcelona prompted a rapid and unwelcome rethink.

A 2-2 draw in the first leg of their semi-final gave Barcelona. none too impressive in the Spanish league this season, a huge advantage for the return in the Nou Camp in a fortnight's time. Two away goals could, indeed should, be priceless in a tie between European giants such as these.

Otto Rehhagel, the Bayern coach, admitted as much afterwards: "We are going to have to play better than we did in

the first half in front of 90,000 fans in Barcelona," he said. "Barcelona played some great one-touch football tonight. We still have a chance, but we have to win there now.

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The game began badly for the Germans when Oscar García, one of the lesserknown support acts to Barcelona's big-name, big-money headliners, scored an excellent opening goal after just 15

DEPORTÍVO La Coruña aim to take a step closer to their first European final when they meet Paris Saint-Germain in the Cup Winners' Cup today. Coached by John Toshack,

the Spanish team, runners-up to Real Madrid and winners of the domestic King's Cup in their best season last year, will have a capacity crowd of 28,000 in their compact Riazor stadium for their first-

PSG will be without Rai,

minutes. Marcel Witeczek and Mehmet Scholl struck in the to the Czech Republic for their second half to give Bayern the semi-final first-leg match with lead, but then Gheorghe Hagi, Slavia Prague was relatively the talented if erratic Romania low-key — smaller stadium, smaller crowd — but the playmaker, took advantage of a calamitous back-pass from stakes were the same and, to a the German international dedegree, so was the outcome. It fender, Markus Babbel, m was the away team who secured a clear advantage, Bordeaux exceeding Barcelo-Bayern's celebrations of an anticipated home win were cut na's achievement with a 1-0

Christophe Dugarry, who struck twice in Bordeaux's quarter-final victory over Milan, was unmarked when he scored in the seventh minute from a cross by Zinedine Zidane. Stoic French defence did the rest.

Mauro Silva, the midfield player, will also be sidelined "There was an early goal and that's what decided the match, but there's still hope," with injury, but Bebeto will In the other semi-final, the Slavia coach, Frantisek Rapid Vienna travel to Rotter-Cipro, said. "We left Zidane dam - where they lost 3-1 in and Dugarry alone and paid by going down I-0 very early. to meet Feyenourd, who have but we have played very well up to now in the cup games won the Champions' Cup and Uefa Cup but have never and not all is lost. We just have to play hard again and then made it to the Cup Winners'

#### Srinath on song as Sri Lanka run out of steam

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By Our Sports Staff

SRI LANKA'S spectacular run of success came to an abrupt end in Singapore yesterday when they lost a Singer Cup one-day cricket match to India by 12 runs. Their batsmen, so exciting in winning the World Cup and setting a host of oneday records in Tuesday's victory over Pakistan, failed to reach an apparently modest India total of 199.

Javagal Srinath and Venkatapathy Raju shared seven wickets to stifle the Sri Lankan onslaught. Srinath, the man of the match, captured four for 35 and Raju took three for 26 as Sri Lanka were bowled out for 187 with 11 balls left.

Srinath, gaining significant movement off the seam, plunged Sri Lanka to 23 for four at one stage, his three early victims including Sanath Jayasuriya for seven. 24 hours one-day records while scoring 134 against Pakistan. Srinath's new-ball partner.

Venkatesh Prasad, accounted for Aravinda de Silva, who was caught at square leg by Rahul Dravid, Raju, flighting his deliveries intelligently, then persuaded Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lanka captain. to hole out at mid-wicket before Roshan Mahanama and Hashan Tillekeratne put on 92 for the sixth wicket to bring Sri Lanka within sight of their target. But, after Tillekeratue, attempting to clear the boundary, lofted Raju to Prasad at long-on, Sri Lanka soon folded.

Mahanama was the pick of the Sri Lanka batsmen, scoring 59 off 124 balls on a slow pitch. Srinath returned to the attack later in the innings to bowl Chaminda Vaas with a perfect yorker while two runouts sealed Sri Lanka's fate.

Earlier, only a defiant 94 by Navjot Sidhu, an opener, had saved India from collapse. Sidhu, who hit only four boundaries in his Ho-ball innings, did not field because he had been sent to hospital suffering from exhaustion and dehydration in the hot and humid conditions. He was later released from hospital and is expected to play against Pakistan tomorrow.

## Davis falls at first hurdle again

BY PHIL YATES

DARREN MORGAN and Steve Davis, the winner and runner-up in last week's Benson and Hedges Irish Masters, encountered contrasting fortunes in the British Open snooker tournament at Plymouth yesterday.

Morgan, who beat Davis 9-8 at Goffs on Sunday to capture the first title of his professional career, again engaged in a spot of brinkmanship. He recovered from 3-1 and 4-3 down to improve his chances of remaining among the game's eight leading players for next season by beating Martin Clark 5-4 in the second round.

However, Davis, who has not won a tournament since the Regal Welsh Open 15

months ago, suffered his third

first-round defeat of the campaign when he unexpectedly lost 5-2 to Mark Johnston-Allen, of Bristol. Although Johnston-Allen

has defeated Stephen Hendry on three occasions and beaten both Jimmy White and Ronnie O Sullivan in the past, he has struggled of late and was consumed by nerves before meeting Davis.

Not surprisingly, Davis controlled the tactical exchanges but his recent inability to capitalise on the majority of scoring opportunities left him vulnerable. Johnston-Allen, the world

No 49, opened with a run of 69 in the first frame, led 3-1 at the mid-session interval, crucially

stole the sixth on the pink for a 4-2 lead and did not allow Davis to score a single point in the next.

Tony Knowles earned an appearance in the third round of a ranking event for the first time since the 1994 International Open with a 5-4 victory over James Wattana, the No 5

Knowles, benefiting from a vast improvement on the dismal form that has seen him slide from a career-high world ranking of No 2 to his present position of No 43, compiled breaks of 99, 77 and 119. In the first round, Hendry

included clinical contributions of 62, 80, 62, 82, 83 and 60 in overwhelming Terry Murphy

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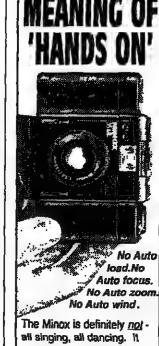
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CHRIS ADAMS has agreed to stay with Derbyshire at least until the end of the 1996 cricket season after reaching a

compromise with the county. Adams, 25, a batsman, had

originally requested to be released from his contract, which

Derbyshire agree

deal with Adams

#### **Defending** champion represents Horner's biggest test

By COLIN McQUILLAN

SUZANNE HORNER, the British national champion from Wakefield, faces what may be the most significant match of her long career in the quarter-finals of the Leekes British Open squash champi-onships in Cardiff tomorrow. She meets the defending champion, Michelle Martin. of Australia, and will gain confidence from having de-feated her for the first time at the same stage of the Abshot Open last month.

Martin swept past Robyn Cooper, her young compatriot. 9-1, 9-3, 9-3 in just 25 minutes yesterday, while Horner, 33, lost control of the third game against Claire Nitch, the South African champion, and might have found herself struggling in a fifth game had she not resisted another attack at the end of the fourth to win 9-4, 9-2, 0-9, 9-7 in just under 40 minutes.

Horner has twice reached the final of the British Open, losing on each occasion to the defending champion — Susan Devoy in 1990 and Martin in 1993. If she can remove the champion earlier in the tournament, perhaps the equation can move her way this year. However, she would need to stay in control for two more rounds against opponents of the calibre of Sarah FitzGeraid. Liz Irving and Cassandra Jackman, the second, third and fourth seeds, who are all

in contention. A sharp attack from Nitch certainly disconcerted Horner in their third game yesterday, revealing a lack of turning speed which suggested that there may not be many more British Open quarter-final opportunities coming her way. But an uncharacteristic wrong-footing cross-court kill helped Horner to regain service at 6-7 in the fourth game and a forehand service into the nick helped her to reach match point.

Horner is certainly playing the best all-round squash of her career and yesterday's display could presage a glorious finale.

in the men's second round yesterday, Anthony Hill's controi of his temperament was severely tested under pressure from Jason Nicolle. The Australian needed to win two tiebreaks against his English opponent to reach the quarterfinals 17-16, 15-10, 17-15. The meeting with Rodney Eyles, his compatriot, could be the cue for fireworks.

Results, page 43

# Underdogs turn League into tale of two cities

THE first meeting tonight between London Broncos and Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) sums up the capital ambition of the Stones Super League, with both sides vying for a brief lead of the new rugby league competition.

There have been several key junctures in the battle to establish a London club as part of the capital's sporting scene since Fulham's flowering in 1980, but none quite as important as the one starting with Paris's visit to The Valley. the home of Charlton Athletic Football Club.

London's win at Halifax Blue Sox in the first round of matches last weekend was a timely one. As it came away from home, against opposition expected to win comfortably, it was arguably more of an eyeopener than PSG's defeat of Sheffield Eagles, on a tide of

emotion in Paris. The victories could not have been scripted better by the Rugby Football League as a launchpad for Super League. Interlopers with question marks about their credibility removed several of the doubts about their participation overnight. The opportunity to move onwards and upwards is contained in a not unduly taxing first month for either

Tony Currie, the London coach. said: "Our levels of fitness and competitiveness at Halifax were excellent, and I'd say we can get 30-10 per cent improvement all round. I'm confident of beating Paris; Bradford and Sheffield are 50-50 shots; Workington is an

80 per cent chance for us, and come the week's break for the Challenge Cup Final, I think you'll see us right up

Paris are being somewhat more cautious. "We must not get carried away by our first result. We still have a number of weaknesses in the team and have a great deal of work to do," Tas Baitieri, the PSG manager, said. The Broncos will be extremely difficult, but our players are determined not to let Paris down."

As the two most delicate blooms in Super League, there is a definite need to nurture both clubs. London's various incarnations and voyages around the suburbs, before putting down roots at The Valley, were partly a result of neglect, but now, under the wing of the wealthy Brisbane Broncos organisation, a southern stronghold for the game is no longer a hopeless ambition.

Winning matches and winning over the London public are not viewed separately by Currie. "I know we get confused with London Monarchs [American football], but I don't care what people are calling us. as long as we're winning," he said. "When you're winning, you're nopular."

Currie's arrival in February from the Brisbane parent club. where he was a specialist defensive coach, has ensured the weakest area last season has been tightened up. Of the latest batch of Australians, Gavin Allen's redoubtable presence in the front row is the biggest asset, although Currie



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Cutting edge: Darren Shaw, left, Bernard Carroll and Darryl Pitt, of London Broncos, hope to carve their way through the Paris Saint-Germain defence at The Valley tonight

mobile Paris pack.

Adam Fogerty returns to the Helens pack tomorrow for the derby with Wigan at Knowsley Road after a threemonth lay-off, and Derek McVey, a recruit from Sydney Tigers, is called up into the second row. Tommy Martyn is set for a place on the substitutes' bench after a year's absence and a knee

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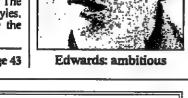
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this dilemma. West, if he is

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that he is applying law 28 (b).

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SAILING CURRESPONDENT

BY EDWARD GORMAN

TRACY EDWARDS, who skippered an all-woman crew in the 1989-90 Whitbread Round the World Race, yesterday appounced plans to set a new record for the fastest nonstop circumnavigation of the globe, again with an allfemale crew.

The Jules Verne Trophy is held by Sir Robin Knox-Johnston and Sir Peter Blake, who sailed round the world in 74 days, 22 hours and 17 condition, but will require new

minutes on the 92-foot catamaran, ENZA New Zealand,

Edwards sets sights on round-the-world record

finishing in April 1994.
Edwards, 33, has now bought the Nigel Irens-designed boat herself for around £350,000 after having it surveved in San Diego, where it has remained since the America's Cup, when it was used as a mascot for the New Zealand campaign. She is having the catamaran shipped to Florida and will then sail it back to Southampton in June for a refit. The boat is in reasonable

promotion and training campaign before launching a crack at the record early next year. Edwards will take a total crew of eight plus a

camerawoman. The nucleus is crew of Maiden - her old Whitbread boat - with the remainder still to be selected. This is a high-profile return

SNOW REPORTS

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kicked by a horse. She was in hospital for a week and was unable to walk for six months. but has now fully recovered. Yesterday, she said she was

has had little involvement in

yacht racing since her

Whithread campaign. In late 1991, she sustained a serious

back injury when she was

confident the catamaran could expected to come from the break the existing record. "We will be looking at 73 days." she said. "To go round nonstop with an all-female crew has never been done before and to sailing for Edwards, who it's the sort of challenge I like."

Weather (5pm)

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# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

RY ROBERT SHEEHAN WHIDGE CONDESPONDENT

I HAVE just been reading a most entertaining book, Educating Evelyn - Conversa-tions on the Curious Laws of Rubber Bridge, by Hugh ApSimon (Colin Smythe, £5.95). It is partly a critique of the 1993 rubber bridge laws, partly a highly readable description of how they work when a player commits an irregularity. It would be well worth any keen rubber bridge

group having a copy.
What do you think about this auction? South deals: WNES

- - 18 2C East's One Spade is a "call out of rotation", as South was the dealer. South's bid of Two Clubs condones the call out of rotation, but what does South's Two Clubs mean? ApSimon demonstrates by use of a conversational device between the players that there is a conflict in the law. Part of law 28 states that South's call of Two Clubs "waives any penalty for the call out of rotation and the auction proceeds as though that opponent had not called at that

In law 29, however, it states: "After a call out of rotation, offender's LHO [left-hand opponent] may ... (a) make any legal call; if he chooses to do so, the call out of rotation

EENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Topalov's triumph

Veselin Topalov, the Bulgarian grandmaster, achieved a career best performance when he tied with Garry Kasparov for first prize in the Euwe Memorial tournament in Am-sterdam which finished earlier this week. Topalov finished ahead of several of the world's top players including Anand, Short and Kramnik. He had to win this difficult endgame in the final round in order to keep step with the champion. White: Veselin Topalov

Black: Jeroen Piket Amsterdam, April 1996 Ruy Lopez

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Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Philip Howard

WORD-WATCHING

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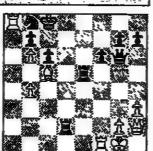
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Answers on page 46

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Alekhine Reshevsky, Kerneri, 1937. With his control of the centre and pressure against g2, Black seems to be doing fine. However, Alekhine soon dispelled this illusion with a fine finish. Can you see it?

Solution on page 46





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in me staying with my native county."

Wayne Larkins, 42, the former England batsman who was dismissed by Durham last season, is unlikely to accept an offer to continue his first-class career with Kent. Larkins is committed to playing Minor Counties cricket with Bedfordshire and with Richmond in the Durham League.

#### Signals celebrate

HOCKEY: Tim Wood, a distinguished forward from the higher realms of Services hockey, led the 11th Signal Regiment to a 4-3 victory over the School of Electrical and Aeronautical Engineering (SEAE) in the Army Cup final at Aidershot vesterday.

The match seemed all over after 23 minutes when the signalmen established a 4-0 lead. Barker scoring twice and James and Duffy adding to the score. SEAE made it 4-2 at half-time through Todd and Perrin, Lallament further reducing the arrears after an hour. The 42nd Survey Engineer Group won the minor units trophy with a 20 victory over the Army Training Regiment, Pirbright.

#### Pierce relishes return

TENNIS: Mary Pierce, playing in her first tournament in more than a month, beat Gigi Fernandez 6-7, 6-3, 6-1 in the first round of the Family Circle Cup tournament in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Pierce, of France, the No 8 seed, whose world ranking has slipped eight places to No 13 this year, made an inconsistent start against Fernandez, the American ranked No 67, but settled in the second set. Then, as her game became more confident. Fernandez folded. "I feel very motivated." Pierce said. "I'm hitting the ball well, though it will take a tournament or two to get back."

#### Shield success

CRICKET: South Australia survived a tense final 40 minutes to earn a draw with Western Australia in Adelaide yesterday and win the Sheffield Shield for the thirteenth time. Needing only to draw after finishing at the top of the Shield standings, South Australia were in trouble on the final day after resuming at 57 for two in their second innings. but Peter McIntyre and Shane George clung on grimly. frustrating the Western Australia bowlers as South Australia, set 343 to win outright, reached 208 for nine at the

#### Syed bows to injury

Syed, right, the England No I, has withdrawn from the English Open championships at Kettering because he is suffering from a knee injury. The problem follows the hamstring trouble that has been troubling Syed for several weeks and means that England now has five of its leading players injured for



#### No charges for Wasps

ICE HOCKEY: Ross Lambert and Jonathan Weaver, the Durham Wasps players, who were arrested on March 9 at the Crowtree Leisure Centre when the play-off match against Humberside Hawks developed into a mass brawl, have been released without charge by Northumbria Police after returning to Southwick police station in Sunderland.

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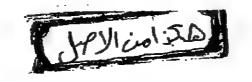
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Spread of global communications threatens to undermine local duty regimes

# Backers can plot route to tax exile

By Richard Evans, racing journalist of the year

THE opportunity to bet tax free on British horseracing. via Australia, is being made available to punters - and could cost the Government millions of pounds in lost revenue.

. City Index, one of the leading spread betting firms, has helped to set up Capital Sports International in Canberra, which will take bets on big sporting events from around the globe without charging tax - and even save callers the cost of a long-distance call by

accepting reverse charges.

The novel idea, which is within the law, could pose a threat to the Government's lucrative haul from betting on horses, which nets around 2490 million a year for the Treasury. The punitive rate of



Sparke radical views

off-course betting tax - 6.75 per cent - can mean the difference between profit and loss, especially for big punters, and any scheme which offers taxfree opportunities is likely to prove popular.

Jonathan Sparke, manag-ing director of City Index, which has a 60 per cent stake in the Australian venture, said yesterday: "It is perfectly legal to have a bet in Australia via England. You are entitled to pick up the telephone and dial Capital Sports International, open an account and have a bet on whatever they are dealing in, which will include big races in England. They are hoping to get in SIS pictures of British racing. That is not far away."

Sparke had hoped to introduce a toll-free telephone line but Customs and Excise insist - contrary to legal advice taken by City Index - that would amount to marketing and therefore be illegal. The current law prevents Sparke from marketing or advertising the Australian tax-free option in Britain.

Betting is becoming more and more international and the British Government has not recognised the inevitable, which is that punters will look for the best tax rates as well as the best odds. The Government will inevitably lose reve-



Destiny Calls blunders at the last fence, presenting the Daily Telegraph Novices' Handicap Chase to his closest challenger, Southampton

nue if it tries to ring-fence the current high rate of taxation and say no-one can bet outside People will use mobile telephones and the Internet and inter-active machines will be available soon."

"It intends to protect the uncompetitive rate of taxation and that is what is at fault. You cannot protect the indefensible and that is what they are trying to do."

Although a cut in betting duty would reduce the Government's take. Sparke shares

the widely held view within racing that a rejuvenated Tote could help to make up the deficit. The Tote needs to be at the forefront of betting with Tote Direct machines in every betting shop. The Tote should take a smaller percentage from the pools and needs to be much more dynamic and bet-ter marketed. The daily Jackpot should be at the best

meeting. There needs to be a

guaranteed minimum pool and there should be pool

betting on big international

races such as the Dubai World Cup, the Breeders' Cup, as well as sports events like the Olympic Games and the International Football Championships.
"I have been round the world and seen how pool betting works in South Africa,

Hong Kong and Australia and by comparison the Tote in Britain is pitiful. A classic case of being left behind," Sparke added.

Sparke's radical views came as his company sponsored two races at a sun-blessed Ascot yesterday. Miroswaki easily iustified odds-on favouritism to win the opening City Index Market Leaders Novices' Hurdle, and the improving Flying Instructor was well backed to win the City Index Spread Betting Handicap Hurdle and provide Paul Webber with his twelfth success in his first full season as a trainer.

While Webber earned the training plaudits, Richard Johnson received a glowing review from David Nicholson

after his determination paid off on Newton Point in the Alpine Meadow Handicap Hurdle. "That was the ride of the season for kicking and pushing. You don't very often see anyone - Adrian Maguire, Richard Dunwoody or anybody - kick and push a horse for three miles. I think he only hit him twice behind the saddle. He was never on the bridle, even going to the first flight of hurdles. He was beaten all the way. It was

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ENCORE UN PEU, Superior Finish and Sir Peter Lely, second, third and fourth to Rough Quest in the Martell Grand National at Aintree last Saturday, are among 58 acceptors for the Stakis Casinossponsored Scottish equivalent at Ayr on April 20. Six others beaten at Aintree - Life Of A Lord. Party Politics, Captain Dibble, Chatam, Wylde Hide and Vicompt De Valmont - also figure.

Martin Pipe, the trainer of Encore Un Peu, has yet to finalise plans for the six horses he will leave in the race until the five-day stage on April 15. However. Jenny Pitman, who has Willsford, Garrison Savannah and Do Be Superior Finish, is likely to be strongly represented.

Pitman took last year's race with Willsford and her son and assistant. Mark, said yesterday: "We could be four-handed. Willsford is a definite, he's got a good chance again. Superior Finish, Garrison Savannah, who has had a problem with corns, and Do Be Brief are all possible runners."

Lo Stregone, the winner of the Greenalis Grand National Trial at Haydock in February but a late withdrawal from Aintree because of equine flu, may also take his chance at Ayr. "We'll see how he comes out of the virus," said a spokesman for trainer Tom Tate.

3.50 STONEYBANK MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN

STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,493: 1m 3f 32yd) (6)

#### 2.10 Polish Widow 3.40 CLIFTON FOX (nap) 4.10 Mari 2.40 Proud Image 4.40 French Ginger

3.10 Cuango The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 OCEAN PARK. Our Newmarkst Correspondent: 2.10 ROYAL CANASKA (nap). 5.10 Papaha.

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140yd, good in soft). CEDAR DANCER 5/41 6th to Roza Bonheur in claimer at Salishary (61, good) on permitorate start. DOMETHES best ellont act loss and back Story Smills short-head to salise at New-confect (71, firm). SELVER HARROW 5/61 3rd to Bess River to residen at Folkestone (62, good). Selection: DOMETHES EFST GOLD neck and to 3rd of 9 to Distel Jaimes' fail as seller at Southand (J.W. Tru); CICERONE 8. 5% of 12 to Maple Bay is appreciated transform a Ministration (Im. good) EASTEREN, short 394 are of 12 to Viciny Faunt in basterap at Ungland (1971, 1984, PROLED WINGED but affort her session, best Spo-Date Hern in basterap at Lingshid (7).

3. 10 KINSFISHER HANDICAP (£3,398: 1m 3f 183yd) (22 runners)

FORM FOCUS (8th better off) 101 6th and ROCK GROUP (8th better off) short-head 7th: CUANED heat FARILLION 11 in 16-remer handicap at Notingham (im 61, good to firm), Oct 95. FRAL QUEVER 3941 4th (later parameted to friend) of 20 in Stente's Wonder (rater disquastional) of channing handicap at Salisbury (1m 61, good to soft). PPS DREAM 4751 3rd of 7 to (above) in handicap at Foliastone (1m 41, good to firm), Johy 95.

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3.40 GREYHOUND HANDICAP (£4,225: 1m (f 218yd) (14 runners) (8) 158240- CLETTON FOX 150 (C.F.S) (F and S Partnersky) J Slower 4-16-0 S D Williams 2 (3) 4725- TOUCH A MULION 256 (F) (Malican M Malicon) E Ourloy 4-9-10 W Careau (7) 64-1256 8744, 800 204 (C.D.F.S) (F Michigan M Malicon) E Ourloy 4-9-10 W Careau (7) 64-1256 8744, 800 204 (C.D.F.S.S) (F Michigan) Max M Malicon S 8-9-0 M Wighton (7) 64-1256 8744, 800 204 (C.D.F.S.S) (F Michigan) Max M Malicon 4-8-13 M F Silver (1) 40030-0 REMANN SIN 17 (F Salver) M S M Malicon 4-8-13 M F Silver (1) 40030-0 REMANN SIN 17 (F Salver) Max J Cord 4-8-13 M F Silver (1) 50004-2 GULLWORK SIN (5 C STEED) Max J Cord 4-8-13 M Heavy (5) 50004-2 GULLWORK SIN (5 C STEED) Max J Cord 4-8-13 M Heavy (5) 50004-3 GULLWORK SIN (5 C STEED) Max J Cord 4-8-13 M Heavy (5) 20054-1 SHRESHOS SIXTES 10 (6.5) (M Heave) 6 L More 5-8-13 (Sea ) SWISSANCH (13) 380400 LABUDD 6 (6) (Salver, Care) Makes, Ingenty R Ingene 6-8-4 D O Steen (5) 03004-3 MARSDECTROUS 273 (F) Sixte C Method) 6 Nation 4-3 J F Epon (1) 03004-3 MARSDECTROUS 273 (F) Sixte C Method) 6 Nation 4-3 J F Epon (1) 03004-3 MARSDECTROUS 273 (F) Sixte C Method) 6 Nation 4-3 J F Epon (1) 03004-3 MARSDECTROUS 273 (F) Sixte C Method) 6 Nation 4-3 J F Epon (1) 03004-3 MARSDECTROUS 273 (F) Sixte C Method) 6 Nation 4-3 J F Epon (1) 03004-3 MARSDECTROUS 273 (F) Sixte C Method) 6 Nation 4-3 J F Epon (1) 04 Carlain 6 Nation 6 N Long barndicap: Mandella 7-A, Edisso Nel 7-7, Luty Stadeth 6-C SETTINES: 3-1 Count-Park, 7-2 Edisso Nel, 5-1 Toucia A Million, Swingrag States, 6-1 Chilliwook, 10-1 Road Bel, 12-1 Citizo Fox, 16-1 others.

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in 20, good in soft). OCEAN PARIX completing	Selection: ESKIMO NEL.

4.10 LODDINGTON CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-0: £5,066: 5f 218yd) (7 runners) 

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L'AMI LOUIS best Obernes Boy head in conditions and at Kempton (61, good to firm). ATRAF best effort lest season, 37%1 3rd of 15 in Creative Account on nursery at Newmarks (61, good to firm). WISAM about 31 4rd of 6 in Polaris Flight as group WISAM about 31 4rd of 6 in Polaris Flight as group Pounthistant stat. WHITELE ROOK 17 and to Hear The Manse in conditions race at Haydook (61, soft). Selection: WISAM 4,40 BILLESDON SELLING STAKES (Div II: 52,077: 71 Byd) (11 runners)

BETTING: 3-1 Desphy Vale, 6-1 Kazasad King, Scotton Pack, 7-1 Rockwitz Price, 8-1 Dec Franch Gloger, 10-1 others. 1985: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION FORM FOCUS

auction of Fellastone (SI, frm). PREMCH GINGER best recent effort, short-head 2nd of 11 to Errard in making at Linglishid (AM, Tun). NDEPROB best Zebrae head in claiming handicas of Best: firm, on perulifimite start. SCOTTISH PAPEK 246: 3rd of 8 to Missner in claimer at Linglishid (AW, Tun 2) on perulifimite start. DAZZLING STAR T341 The of 10 to The Mas in making at Catteriet (SI, peopl., Selection: KURRAFEL KING. DESPLY VALE boat Desert Invader 19(1) in annahmus. handicap at Woherhampton (AW, 67) on persellmete start, KUMMEL 1995 about 39(1 5th of 15 to 6ymcok Flyer in rated states at Haydock (Inc., 1900), MANABAR 33 2nd of 8 to Mr Teigh in rated states at Lungield (AW, 1m) on persultarate start, SUPSR HERD 99(1 13th of 19 to Ensultarate 4) models at Departates (71, 501), BOLD REMINAL bast effort, 31 2nd of 8 to Strap in Smart in measter

5.10 KEYTHORPE MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O fillies: £4,159; 7f 9yd) (18 numers) 

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3.05 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Southemeton (A.F. McCoy. 11-2); 2, Destiny Calle (4-1); 3 Garylough (11-4), 6 ran. 4l, 6t G Baiding Tote: 25 60; 52 10, \$2 20. DF 58 60 CSF-524 26

Incast \$120,26 4.45 (2m 3f 110)cl ch) 1, Mr Golightly (Mrs J Reed, 5-2); 2, A Wincly Cazen (10-1); 3, Ameri King (35-1), Proud Sun 5-4 fav (1), 10 ren, 2M, St. Mrs S Cobden, Tote: £5.00; £1.50, £2.10, £4.70, DF: £23.30, Trics: £5.20 (CSF: £25.79). 285.20 CSF: (25.79.
5.15 (3m 110yd Sat) 1, Wade Road (Mr J Cutoty, 6-1): 2, Water's Dream (16-1): 3, The Proms (8-1). Not For Turning 8-2 k-lev. 24 ran, 3, 14. Miss H Knght. Tote: £5.50; 23 10, £5.60, £2.80. DF: £33.90. Trio: £300.70. CSF: £102.21

Jackpot: £3,483.90.
Placepot: £352.80. Quadpot: £114.20. Hamilton Park Goiner good to soft 2.25 (1m 1f 38yd) 1, Field Of Vision (J Weever, 7-2); 2, Heathyards Maga; (50-1); 3, Flag Fer (16-1), Breek The Rules 9-4 fer 13 yan, 61, 194, M. Johnston, Tole; 54-10; 21.50, 519.20, 55.50, DF, 657-10, Trito, 5112-10, CSF

Nap: ROYAL CANASKA (2.10 Leicester) Next best: Wisam

C1.79 LPT: E1.60, CSF: 23 76. 3.50 (67 Syd) 1, Hobbs Choice (Dale Gibson, 8-1): 2, Gonalek (12-1): 3, Lucky Bes (9-2). Beldnay Park 7-2 fav. 13 ran. Inl. 21. G Micore. Tots: E18.20; E4.70, E2.60, E2.60, DF: E116.60, Trior E221.60, CSF: 592.62, Tricast 2464.68. 9494 08. 4.00 (1m 65yd) 1, She's A Winner (K Derley, 4.01); 2, Classic Victory (6-1); 3, Retitle (6-2) Dragonicy 2-1 tav. 7 ran. Hd. 6, 5 Williams Tole: \$5.00; C190, 23.30. OF: \$25.80, CSF: 232.47. 232.47.
4.30 (fm 31 18yd) 1, Calder King (R Lappin, S-1); 2, Astral Weeks (9-2); 3, Marstul (3-1 tax), 8 ran, Hd, NLJ Eyra, Tota: 25 00; 21 10, 22 80, 21, 30, DF; \$45.80, CSF; 28.16 Tricest; 271.90. Tricest: 271.90
5.00 (Im 41 1)(d) 1. Eurobelet (J Fortune, 8-1); 2. Me Cheroise (33-1); 3. Pelisce Of Gold (5-1). Thorntoun Estate 11-4 law, 12 ren. 44. Ind. S. Kestievell. Tota, DS-90; 2210, DS-20, DS-90; 130 DF (598 80 Thio: 5209.50, CSF: £183.30. Tricest: £1,127.54. Buchulson (2-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deducation 5p in pound.
Pacsepot: £2,089.40. Quadpot: £484.90.

Ludlow Going; good to item 2.15 (2m hde) 1, Cyrus The Great (G Bradley, 8-1); 2, Tremendisto (14-1); 3, Faustino (100-30), Court Nap 9-4 law 15 ran, NP, Silver Stunel 3, 15, K Belley, Tote: E8, 10; 22.20, 53,60, 51,60, DF; 633,40, Trio: E56, 10 CSF CSF: 289.75.
245 (2m ch) 1, Lake Of Loughras (G Bradley, 2-1); 2, Offiner Duckett (25-1); 3, Golden Maddembo (7-2), Mestins Dressn 5-4 tox, 6 nm. NF: Barton Santa, Star Of Devid St; 198. K (988e), Total: 23 00; C1 80, 24 10 DF: CSS 50, CSF: 231 83, 320 (2m d. ch) 1, Contl D'Estinada (8

DF: £35.60. CSF: £31.83.
2.20 (2m 4f ch) 1, Conti D'Estruval (8 Cifford, 9-4 tay); 2, Pontymyswen (7-2); 3, Man of Mystery (8-1), 6 ran. NF: Larry's Lord. 3M; 5. G Bajding. Tota: £2.70; £1.80, £2.20. DF: £8.00. CSF. £9.57.
3.50 (2m 51 Tiby) Index 11, Belimore Cloud (0 Burrows, 4-1 tay); 2, Bright November (5-1); 2, French Buck (12-1), 14 ran. 10, 2kk, M Ploe. Tota: £3.70; £2.00, £1.80, £3.80. DF: £7.20. Trio: £50.40. CSF: £22.58. Tricest £200.DT.

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4.20 (2m hole) 1., Jewa Shrime (5 McNelli, 7-1); 2, Kelzari (12-1); 3, Mutameti (8-1); 4, Lambaon (8-1). George Lame 6-1 lew 19 ran. NF: Edward Saymour. 161, 291, J Tuck. Tota: 57 10; 21.70, 23.00, 52.00. DF: 264.90. Trio. E247.20. CSF: 588.81. Tricast: 5852.82
4.55 (3m ch) 1. Oaklands Word (8r J Jukes, 2-1); 2, West Cuay, 67-4 tay); 3, Camiclamines (6-1), 8 ran. 51, 54. E. Rhodes Totar: 52.70; 51.20, 51.10, 51.80. DF: 52.30. CSF: 55.18 5.25 (2m 51 110yd hdfal 1, Joviel Man () 5.25 (2m 51 110yd hdfal 1, Joviel Man () O'Sullvan, 3-1); 2, Zarloon (2-1 fav); 3, Dancig Island (4-1), 5 ran, 5, 3, R O'Sullvan, Totar, 53.10; 61.40, 62.10; DF: 52.40 CSF: 59.06 Placepot: £102.10. Quartost: £4.60.

THUNDERER

2.20 Ramsey Pride. 2.50 Kismetim. 3.20 To The Root, 3.50 Poetry. 4.20 No Submission. 4.50 Carmosa. GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 CARLYLE PLACE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

7-2 Swno, 9-2 Carlar And Candy, 5-1 Ramsey Pride, Sweet Er Raj, Boleto Boy, 8-1 others, 2.50 PINKIE HANDICAP (£2,719: 1m 4f 31yd) (13) 28- GOODSYE MALLE 163 (V.CD.F.S.S.) J Evre 6-9-10 R Lappin 2 5-03 DRUMBER HIGGS 9 (F.S.) E Weymer 7-9-5 K Daviny 3 443- KLETWAN 201 (F) T Barron 5-9-8 J Dain Estevo 1 5 580- KEEP BATTIME 751 (F) J Gelde 6-9-0 J Dain Estevo 1 5 580- KEEP BATTIME 751 (F) J Gelde 6-9-0 J Dain Caron 1 1 Cerron 1 6 5600 NSMETIM 17 (D.S.) D Chapman 6-0 J D McKeeven: J Cerrol 1 7 400 PRINCES TALLILAH 26 W & M Turner 5-8-9 T Sprake 1 8 100- LORD ADVOCATE 182 (B.CD.F.S.) D Mohan 8-8-8 V Hallony 6 1 10-0 BOLD DESSEE 9 (SF.S.) M Britan 6-8-5 P P Polymon 1 0 80- SCHOOL OF SCENIC 754 R McKetter 6-8-5 T Witterns 1 1 0510 BOWAR 1 7 (D.S.) C Booth 6-8-4 L P Norton 1 1 0410 BOWAR 1 7 (D.S.) C Booth 6-8-4 L P Norton 1 1 04- TANCHED MISCHET 2291 W Berlan 5-6-2 L Chambook 1 1 04- RAPED MOKER 40 (S.S.) D Norton 8-8-1 F Norton 1 5-9 Developed Heise 9-5 Readow Mischel 8-1 Klaman, 6-1 Turnerd Mischel 8-5

3.20 BRUNTON HALL HANDICAP (£3,078: 5f) (17) 1 62-5 TO THE ROOF 13 P Hants 4-10-0 ... 6 Hind 3 2 /00- SWER GARRIOCK 295 (F) D Richolls 4-9-12. M Richardson 1 3 2000 SOUTHERN DOLMBON 21 (V.D.S) C Allen 4-9-8 C Weeb (7) 12 4 050- SM FOR LLICK 157 (CD.F) D Nolin 4-9-4 ... T Sprain 9 5 1133 TENOR 8 (D.C) D Nicholls 5-9-3 ... Alias Enterents 11 6 28-5 AMY 1564 14 (D.S) J Wilson 3-9-2 ... P Richardson 1 7 63-6 DOMACKSKY 10 (D.F.F.S) in Richelas 8-9-0 D Richolls 17 6 00-0 SERBOLS TRANK 42 (S.D.F.S) R Richelas 8-9-0 D Richolls (F) 7 9 -333 W CHERRWARDL S2 (R.D.G.S) L L-hames 8-1-3 T Wilson 1 10 6355 KALAR 6 (R.D.F.S) D Cappean 7-9-13 ... Dain Gibson 16 1105 WEATHERSTONE LAWE 21 (V.D.F.G.) Mins L Gibba 5-3-13 D Michanis 4 (R.D.F.S) D 12 114- LEADING PRINCESS 136 (B,D,F,G) Miss L Perint 5-8-12

5-2 Drummer Hists, 9-2 Goodbye Milika. 5-1 Kalemen, 6-1 Tancepol Misched, 8 Bali Tander, Keep Balting, 10-1 others

13 835- COOLOMEN FLASH 218 (0.F) J Syra 5-8-11 ... R Leopin 13
14 400- BELLA COOLA 167 M Meade 4-8-7 ... V Sastary 8
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	7-4 Poetry, 5-2 Anna Soleil, 4-1 Sedbergh, 5-1 Brighter Bytsan, 17
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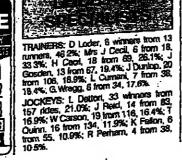
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# Money must not spoil story of the Blues

Snagge will be missing from the Boat Race this year - but his legacy will be there, spinning on the towpath. In a week when a dispute over "cheque-book rowing at Cambridge has surfaced again, it is worth remembering that money in the race is such a touchy

subject that even Snagge once got

caught up in a row over it.
While he was the BBC's Boat Race commentator, Snagge, who died last week, aged 91, donated the gold sovereign that is tossed each year to see which president will have choice of station. It is said that Snagge spent 18 months searching for a sovereign dated 1829, the year of the first Oxford and Cambridge race at Henley.

The gesture, unbelievably, caused a problem when Snagge suggested that the winning boat club should hold the coin until the following year. The Amateur Rowing Association said the amateur status of the race would be jeopardised if the crews were competing for money.

This preposterous objection is the reason the losing crew now takes custody of the coin each year. Apparently, it is within the amateur rules for two highly-trained crews to compete to lose money. Eccentric but that's the Boat Race.

Of all the sporting events, this annual Oxford and Cambridge clash on the Thames is perhaps the most

bizarre. It is as much a tribal rite as a sport. The course, with its huge loops and fierce tides battling with wind, current and flotsam, is no use for rowing with finesse, and usually turns the race into a procession.

But the history is long, and the audience is vast and partisan. Saturday's race will be watched by a worldwide television audience of 400 million in 160 countries, and they will be out in their thousands along the towpath between Putney and Mortlake - picnickers and drinkers, who have no connection with either university or with rowing - all shouting for dark or light blue. What attracts them is the occasion,

the spectacle, the history, the tradition. Which is why the suggestion that the race should "go professional" is completely crazy. The Boat Race has been characterised by arguments and allegations of dirty tricks almost from its launch. This year's dispute over "cheque-book rowing" centres on bursaries introduced by Cambridge two years ago. The scheme was announced in a notice in The Times on May 20, 1994, which read: "Cambridge University Boat Club has set up a memorial bursary in honour of Alf Twinn, the former university boatman. Its purpose is to assist oarsmen who are unable for financial reasons to take up a place at the university."

This week, Dan Topolski, the guru



success in the Seventies and Eighties, and coach again this year, has added to the acrimony, saying that he hopes Oxford does not follow Cambridge down the route of the bursary. Topolski described the \$5,000 paid this year to Nick Burlitt, a Briton, and Ethan Eyer, an American, as "an irritant because it's taking the Boat Race perhaps in a direction it shouldn't go. I don't think it is really the Boat Race's job - or the boat clubs' - to pay money to athletes to come along."

Money has, of course, increasingly exercised its corrupting influence over the Boat Race. The boats now cost ten times as many pounds as the crews weigh and sponsorship, notably from Beefeater Gin, has been essary for survival. The inconvenience of having to select the crews

been overcome with increasing ingenuity: in 1992 the cox in the Cambridge boat, Andrew Probert, was a 38-year-old student, and Donald MacDonald, 31, captained the Oxford boat, True Blue, in 1987.

The mutiny of that year, being reconstructed on film, was the walkout on Oxford of five American rowers who had locked horns with Topolski. Americans, Australians, Germans, Yugoslavs - champion rowers from all over the globe have been lured to Oxford and Cambridge by the magic of the Boat Race. But, if they are to be enticed primarily by money, the event will be finished.

The secret of this race is its history and its strong bond with the rapidly-fading ideals of amateurism. Its image is of young, intelligent men dedicating themselves to this traditional contest — and giving every-thing for the honour of their universities. If those universities are going to sign up professional itiner-ant rowers, whose skills are for hire to the highest bidder, then the boat

clubs might as well pack up. Far too much professional sport has abandoned any attempt to field representative home-grown talent, and so lost the most obvious link with its home territory and local supporters. Rag-tag crews of foreign sportsmen are brought in to play for teams purporting to represent cities, towns

ties may well be the last places where we see truly representative sporting teams. If the oarsmen in the Oxford and Cambridge boats are not stu-dents representing their universities, then what is the point of the race?

Of course, the training is tough.

But that is nothing new. Being a student sportsman was always a juggling act. The rowers may have to sacrifice up to five hours a day during the peak months of training. But fitting in the rest of their lives can be done. Last year, an Oxford University task force chaired by Dr Richard Cooper, of the university's sports development office, found that degrees won by sportsmen outclassed the average. That is good news and should encourage college admissions tutors to have no fears when it comes to choosing dedicated sportsmen as

But the men and women in the boats must be students first. And the race of which they are part must realise that its enduring compulsion is rooted in its tradition and not in proving that it is the best professional rowing contest in the world.

When John Snagge tracked down the sovereign that is spun before every Boat Race, he bought it for its date, for its little link with history not for its gold.

JOHN BRYANT

# History spurs Cambridge's Olympian

John Goodbody talks

to Nick Burfitt, who

has sacrificed sleep and studies to take

part in the Boat Race

one of the controversial Alf Twinn bursaries has enabled one Cambridge oarsman, Nick Burfitt, to pursue his ambition of taking part in the Boat Race on Saturday, despite the strenuous demands of his academic career.

Aged 29 and an Olympic finalist in Barcelona in 1992. he might well have decided that the demands of rowing were too much for someone in his penultimate year of medical studies. However, Burfitt still felt that his CV was not complete without the gloss and experience that come from participating in an event that, for much of the public and the media, remains the bestknown race in rowing.

There is a lot of history in this event," Burfitt said, "I had reached a high level, but I still wanted to be involved in the race. I simply thought it would be a shame not to have done

He understands the irritation felt by many oarsmen about the reputation of the Boat Race in the public's mind. The squads do not always produce the best university eight, let alone the best in the country." Burfitt said. "but there is so much coverage by the media, so much hype. "Some people see the crews



Burfitt, a finalist at Barcelona, could not resist the chance to take part in the most famous race in rowing. Photograph: Martin Beddall

coming down to the Tideway and appearing as if they own the place, with their 'washing down' everyone when they are out on the water. However, now I am seeing it from the other side, it is great, and if

some of the critics crossed the tracks, they would not deny

Few British oarsmen in the 167-year history of the race

Based at Leander and helped by a Sports Aid Foundation grant, Burfitt was part of a national squad that was training up to 14 times a week. The parsmen at the two universities are expected to maintain their programme of studies, but still often manage

ll work-outs a week.

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have had more extensive experience of rowing. An international from 1987 to 1992, Burfitt was a member of crews that won the Grand Challenge Cup and Prince Philip Challenge Cup at Henley. Between 1990 and 1992, he interrupted his medical studies to concentrate on the Barcelona

Burfitt has had to arrange time off on three afternoons a week from Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge over build-up to the event, has had three weeks away from the requirements of medicine.

national squad, although he five members of the Goldie says that, for the race itself, it is 'I reached a important to judge the pace correctly. "The high level correctly. tempo is slightly

less than for an

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but I wanted to be involved'

Burfitt is impressed with the professionalism of the Cambridge squad. "It is very well organised and the crew is focused," he said. The national squad often has people competing against each other for places.

There have not always been pleasant conditions in the chills of the Fens over the winter. One day, it was so cold

the winter and, in the final that when water splashed into the boat, it started freezing. However, Burfitt's presence has given solidity to a crew He has found the training that is relatively inexperisimilar to that endured by the enced. Although it contains

eight from last year, only one Blue remains from the senior crew that completed a hat-trick of victories for Cambridge.

John Carver. the president, said: "When the crew has been se-

lected it is very valuable to have people who can contribute their technical knowledge. Everyone has their own signature to the rowing stroke with their distinct style." Someone with Burlitt's knowledge can add to, and often reinforce from inside the boat, the observations of the coach,

Burfitt, who is on a one-year bursary at Cambridge, was encouragingly well received when he applied to Emmanuel. "It is seen from your performance in rowing that you can push yourself at something, he said. This drive is respected and it is believed that it will cross over

Gnomes: Philhermonia under Geoffrey Simon)
9.00 Morning Collection. Brahms (Two Rhapsodles Op 79: Martha Argerich, pieno); Tchaikovsky (Suite No 3 in G: USSR Ministry of Cluture Symphony Orchestra under Gernadi Rozhdestvensky)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Haydn (Symphony No 30 in C, O Musical Encounters. Haydn (Symphony No 30 in C, Alleluis); 10.15 Artist of the Week: Dawn Upshaw, soprano Stravinsky (No word from Tom, Rake's Progress); Chopin (Scherzo No 4 in E); Whettam (A Mass for Canterbury); JC Bach (Sintonia in Bital), Hindemith (The Four Temperaments) into one's later career." Given academic pressures, he would probably be unable to row next year, but, in any case, he has no desire to do so. "I don't want to spend the year (The Four Temperaments) Composer of the Week: Schubert getting up at six o'clock." he said. "There are other things

1.00pm Airs and Affections: to do at Cambridge." Operas for Covent Garden

2.00 Alexander Toradze, piano,
performs Haydn (Sonata in G
minor); Ravei (Mirons);
Babajanian (Six Pieces);
Prokofiev (Sonata No 7 in B Still, over the winter, he has been stirred to rise consistently early with the rest of the squad. His principal concern is that he will be so nervous on Saturday that he will not revel in the occasion. "I want to relax and enjoy every mo-ment," he said. "I also believe

# Where all is not well

The Two Sisters. Radio 4, 200pm.

Ding, dong, bell, something's in the well. This is one fact about David Ashton's black comedy that I can safely divulge. There is something else that I think I can usefully disclose about this deliciously gruesome play without giving the game away. When the curtain rises, there is only one "something" down the well. Another one is about to keep it company when the curtain finally — and bloodcurdlingly — falls. The eponymous sisters, as nutty as a couple of fruit cakes, are played by Joan Sims and Barbara Jefford. In vain, I have tried to think of a single line they speak that is not surreal. The carpet salesman who arrives at, and leaves, the sisters' madhouse cottage in non-commercial circumstances, is played at fever pitch by the deservedly busy Robert Glenister.

The Lent Talks: Stranger than Fiction. Radio 4, 8.45pm.

Being the realistic writer he is - Priest for the big screen. Cracker for Being the realistic writer he is — Priest for the big screen. Cracker for the small one — Jimmy McGovern draws on both for his intensely personal reflections on literal and symbolical crucifixions. Paramount among the elements that he assembles are his father's death and his wife's raw deal. McGovern confronts Fitz, the boozy, gambling criminal psychologist in Cracker and confronts him with Pilate and Judas. Three flawed men. Then he adds a fourth, himself. McGovern's screen writing is almost wholly cliche-free. So are these conference of his on radio. confessions of his on radio.

#### RADIO 1

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Concert. Mendelssohn (Overture, The Hebrides), Haydri (Cello Concerto No 2 in D); Debussy (Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune); Vaughan Williams (A

#### VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'a' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.30 Paul Coyte 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

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5.15 in Tune with David Owen
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8.55 Cuttural Baggage:
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9.15 The Formidable Virtuoso
Herr Biber. John Holloway,
Elizabeth Kenny, theorbo, and
John Toll, harpsichord/organ and talks about them with George Pratt (r) 10.00 Music Restored with Helan

Sarrison. The Clerks' Group 10.45 Night Waves. Humphrey Carpenter takes to Peter Whelan about his new play Divine Right which imagines the growth of a republican

11.30 Composer of the Week: Rubbra (f) 12.30-1.00am Jazz Notes, Digby Fairweather introduces The Best of British Jazz in concert Sec. 25.

#### you can perform much better Coaches take opposite paths to prepare crews By Mike Rosewell, rowing correspondent

THE Oxford and Cambridge coaches followed diametrical-ly opposed approaches to shorter duration.

their only outings yesterday. Robin Williams and Harry Mahon, of Cambridge, upped the tempo, starting their trip with power water work, with four of the crew rowing while the others urged them on "just to remind them what work is for Saturday."

about", Williams said. After the long warm-up, onlookers were finally treated to a view of the Light Blues in race mode in two races, one of three minutes and one of two minutes, against Goldie, their reserve crew. In the three-minute piece,

taken from above Fulham. from a running start, Cambridge — on Middlesex finished one length ahead, consistently taking one third of a length in each minute, with the rate steadying from 40½ to 35½. In the two-minute piece, from a standing start along the Chiswick strait, guys," she said. Cambridge initially struck a rate of 44, never went below 38, and achieved the same

one-length advantage in the

it was smooth and economical rowing with the boat running well between strokes, although Williams said:
They were a bit tense in the first one but better in the second. They need a bit more work to make it tight and tidy

up after their crew's efforts against their international Old Blues on Tuesday, contented themselves with a quiet paddle. The instruction from the launch was coming from Dan Topolski, Oxford's director of coaching, who joined his crew, with Penny Chuter, Oxford's chief coach, stepping into the background.

Chuter clearly believes her crew is faster than last year. "If we row well and find our rhythm, we will be difficult to beat. It will be a close match. Cambridge are very tenacious

TODAY'S OUTINGS: Oxford, 9am, 12,30pm (umpire rehearsal) and 4pm. Cambridge, 10am, 1,30pm (umpire rehearsal)

Oxford's coaches, their tails

# 5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing and weather 6.10 Farming Loday 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, sicl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Mazze, Michael Buerk is joined by Janet Daley, Peter Stanford, Michael Mansfield OC and Dr David Starkey

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10.00-10.30 News; Panikhiraj (FM
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Guda (2/4)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)
10 30 Moment's Mottr. Jong 10.30 Woman's Hour, Jenni Murray meets Joyce Poole who has lived alone for 15 years in the Kenyan bush studying elephants 11.30 From Out Own

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Correspondent
12.00 News, You and Yours with
Chris Choi
12.25pm Looking Forward to the
Past with guests Kevin Day,
Lord St John of Fawsley,
Andrew Motion and Michael
Wood 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Two Staters, See
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with Daira Brehan 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reports on Dominic Dromgoole's swansong as he bids farewell to the Bush Theatre in London; and Ted Danson stars in a new television version of Gulliver's Travels

4.45 Short Story: Is There Life after Soft Furnishings? by Elizabeth Edwards 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Darling You Were Marvellous, Sandy Toksvig is iomed by Tony Hawks, Toby Longworth, Mana McErlane and Graham Norton 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

RADIO 4

8.00 The Day God Died. Joan Bakawell chairs an inquest into the rumours of God's Emmanuel College Cambridge; Daphne Hampson of St Andrews

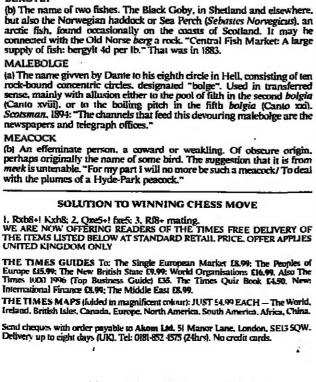
University, Keith Ward, Professor of Divinity at Oxford: and writer and broadcaster David Winter 8.45 Stranger than Fiction. See

9.00 Does He Take Sugar?
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10.09 The World Tonight with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedilme: Stafin's Nose by Roxy MacLean. Read by Alistair McGowan (4/10)
11.00 George Methy's Owning Up... Io Lovely Digs. The second part of the dramatisation of George Methy's autobiography
11.30 Utopia and Other Destinations (r)
12.00 News, incl 12.27em Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Devil in a Blue Dress by Walter Mosley (4/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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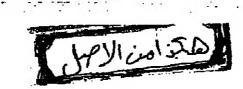
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All is anything but quiet on the home front right's Home Front piece of laminated chipboard, A night's Home Front (BBC2), 47 per cent of people regard the 1960s as the decade they would most like to have lived in. The inference is that. instead of programmes that summori interior designers to tell us how to tile a bathroom, nearly half the audience would be quite happy watching reruns of Barry Bucknell.

Ah, Barry, wherefore art thou? Bucknell of the slicked-back hair and the thin-lipped smile would stand at a bench showing us not only how to make a set of shelves out of proper wood but also how to for them on the wall. By his drills, his Rawlplugs and his stainless steel screws, so shall ye remember

In those days, you did-it-yourself in black and white. Armed with Barry's tips, you went to a timber merchant for said shelf and you sawed it and planed it to size. You

much less did you pick up an interior designer on the way through the checkout.

Home Front is of the modern school of decoration. Here are three people with between £200 and £12,000 to spend on making their kitchens a joy to slave in. They sound as if they could think for themselves but their intellect has been unplugged from the mains to justify bringing in a professional.

And here is a bathroom in bland white. What this needs, apparently, is another professional with a pile of multicoloured tiles which are placed on the wall in such a way as to suggest that most contemporary of designs, a terrorist device exploded against the wall of a paint factory.

Not that an interior designer is de rigueur in these matters. You could always call in ... a local historian. Home Front took one to the circa-1900 home of a young couple in Pudsey, Yorkshire.

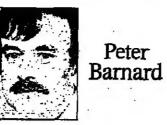
He discovered that the grand old fireplace had been gloss-painted. As for the stairs, here was a touch of Victorian skimpery, by which the banister was made of oak but the stair rails were made from pitched pine to save money. To save money! Those were the days. Try finding a plank of pitched pine

should not be too harsh on Home Front, which takes up in this new series where it left off in the last: the programme is essentially a clearing house for ideas and as such it succeeds. But with negative equity obliging record numbers of people to make the most of what they have, I long for something that tells me how to do it rather than how to find somebody who knows how to do it. Another programme that reREVIEW

Peter

6.00am GMTV (6359100)

10.35 This Morning (44545297)



rewarded.

turned last night has an altogether different purpose. East (BBC2) is an excellent, gutsy series which takes Asia seriously and asks the

The first of the new season brought Mark Tully to the screen, I think for the first time since his acrimonious departure from the staff of the BBC. Tully is a marvellous broadcaster of the old

viewer to concentrate. The effort is

school, a Bucknell of current affairs, who tells the story and refuses to become part of it.

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In India all is turmoil and now there is a fresh manifestation. India's Christians are in a ferment and it has nothing to do with Sikhs or Hindus. The ferment is internal and concerns the caste system. The Dalits (formerly Untouch-

ables) are the lowest of the Indian castes and Christian Dalits are no better treated for being believers. In the Madras Roman Catholic diocese there have been murders of Dalit priests, rapes of Dalit nuns and violent demonstrations. This is a classic cultural clash.

Upper-caste Christians seem unable to shake off the caste system. Just as village Dalits are forced to live at the bottom of the hill while the upper-caste Christians live at the top (next to the church), so the Dalits are forced to sit at the back of churches and Dalit priests are hounded from office.

Unfortunately, here as else-where, the Roman Catholic Church could never be confused with a rapid response unit. But at last the Vatican has started to assist the Dalits. The Vicar-General of the Madras diocese was admirably open in admitting the errors of the past and he has recently had the courage to remove a priest from one parish for failing

Christians. The struggle is not over, however, and the Dalits become increasingly restive. They have a lot to be restive about: whereas 65 per cent of Dalits are Christians, only 3.5 per cent of priests, bishops and others in the hierarchy are Dalits.

to show a proper regard for Dalit

urther east, the chirpy lan Wright went to Uzbekistan and Kirghistan for Lonely Planet (Channel 4), which is a travel show and should not be confused with a holiday show.

Uzbekistan and Kirghistan are to Benidorm what John Major is to charisma. "Bring your own toilet paper, bring your own food and be prepared for hell," cries a cheerful traveller at the beginning but, for all that, distant Asia is plainly attractive and even addictive, a region of natural grandeur in which the Concrete Society has yet to run its writ.
Wright wrestled with the locals

(and won a live black sheep). crossed plains on a horse and had a fine time with the language barrier on a train; having asked the conductor for a ticket, he was brought a cup of tea. Try that on Railtrack.

The food in Uzbekistan, a new republic lately released from the Russian shackle, is consistent. There is mutton with rice and mutton with potatoes, but if you like neither rice nor potatoes there was always, er, plain mutton. Or a

#### BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (16094) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelax) (47365) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax) (7177384)

20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (7300346) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (1460839) 10.30 Good Morning (8) (93029)

12.90 News (Ceefax) and weather (6163549) 12.05pm Room for Improvement (s) 12.35 Going for Gold (a) (3092297)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Cestax) and weather (40452): 1.30 Regional News and weather (94734094) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (44916758)

2.00 The Flying Doctors (Ceelax) (s) (8691181) 3.30 Playdays (r) (1975452) 3.50 Dirrobables (1962988) 4.10 The Wizard of Oz (Ceefax) (2172839) 4.35 (r) (Ceefax) (s) The Boot Street Band (9771549) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (1277100) 5.10 The Ant and Dec Show

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7.30 EastEnders. Roy has bad news for Barry, Gita settles some overdue business; and Ricky has plans for his luture, but will Blanca make his dreams come true? Meanwhile, Michael's attempts to help Alan and Carol go strously wrong (Ceefax) (s) (723) 8.00 Wildfife on One: Meerkats Divided.

The Meerkals are backl The stars of one of . Wildlife on One's most famous programmes, Meerkats United, are back in a real-life drams. Namaled by David Aftenborough (Ceefex) (s) (9891) 8.30 Aprille's Sporting Bloomers. Teny

Wogan presents a selection of sporting galies on film. (r) (Cestax) (s) (8926) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Cestax), regional news and weather (9636)

9.30 Absolutely Fabrilous. Persy and Salfron with her magazine and Sattron and Edina's mother are victims of a Patsy make-over, With Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lumley (r) (Ceetax) (s) (55297)

Making Bables. Seven-part series begins by locusing on Professor Robert Winston, who runs British's busiest IVF clinic at London's Hammersmith hospital (Ceetax)

10.55 The Road to Golgotha. Rob Duncan Athlete Diene Modahi tells of her ing struggle to clear her name after sine was accused of taking performance-enhancing drugs. (s

11.10 FILM: Places in the Heart (1984) with Sally Field, John Malkovich and Danny Glover. A recently widowed cotton farmer battles against the odds to make he cotton plantation a success. Directed by Robert Benton (297433)

1.00em Weather (7004634)

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listings of satellite and cable

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6.00am Open University: Education and Society (7901094) 6.25 The History of Mailhs (7093029) 6.50 Technology (7093029) 6,50 Technology

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12.00 Great Crimes and Trials of the 20th Century: The Scarsdale Killing (60984) 12.30pm Working Lunch (33075)

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4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (636) 5.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show. Oprah's viewers persuede their parents to get with it (Ceefex) (s) (7530605)

5.40 The Sky at Night: Exploding Stars (r) (Ceefax) (s) (565655) 6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (Ceefax)

6.45 The O Zone. Featuring Janet Jackson (r) .(s) (812592)

7.00 Waiting for God. News comes through that Bayview is to have a royal visit. With Graham Crowden and Stephanic Cole (r) (Ceefex) (s) (1013) 7.30 First Sight: Radio Renegades (365)

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9.00 Reputations: Alfred Kinse The Man Who invent Modern Sex (Ceetax) (s) (545365) 10,00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (r) (Ceelax) (10443) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceelax) (280487)

11.15 Late Review (s) (792452) 12.00 The Trouble with Pork (s) (95476) WALES: 12.00 The All-New Alexei Sayle

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#### CHOICE Africa Express

Channel 4, 8,00nm

Nigeria has an image problem and the Government has launched a campaign to counter it. By any standards of democracy, the military dictatorship falls well short. The country has a reputation for fraud. The execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other civil rights activists was condemned throughout the world. Reporter Toyln Fani-Kayode returns to her home country to test the water. In Congo, meanwhile, the prison department has run out of money. Rather than let its prisoners starve, it is letting them out so that they can leed themselves. The third report is from Namibia, about a debate on whether tourism should benefit the local community or outside commercial interests. The site of the controversy is the Brandberg, the country's highest mountain.

Reputations: Alfred Kinsey BBC2, 9.00pm

Clare Beavan's watchable profile is sub-oiled The Man Who Invented Modern Sex. But Kinsey did not invent anything. Rather, he revealed to startled Americans that there was a lot more sexual activity going on than many of them either approved of or were willing publicly to acknowledge. But in exposing, through thousands of exhaustive interviews, such a high incidence of premarital and extra-marital sex, and of practising homosexuality. Kinsey helped to pave the way for the sexual revolution of the 1960s. The film presents an untypical revolutionary. Brought up as a strict Methodist, Kinsey married the first girl he dated and met the outcry that greeted his revelations by playing the detached and objective scientist. He is remembered by his daughters and by Gore Vidal and William Burroughs, who contributed to his survey.

Undercover Britain: Taken to the Cleaners Channel 4, 9.00pm

Zrinka and Neven, two Sarajevan radio journalists who fled to Britain from the war in Bosnia, go undercover to expose the exploitation of political asylum seekers. New rules introduced in February mean that many are left without state benefit. But if worst. A contract cleaning company gets Zrinka a chambermaid's job at the Heathrow Hilton. She is paid £1.40 an hour. Neven is offered £12 a day to deliver leaflets. Student visas are one way of avoiding deportation while another is a marriage, or a common law relationship, with a British subject. Our investigators discover a college principal prepared to issue a visa and a lawyer" ja woman with no more than a law degree) ready to set up a marriage. They charge handsomely for their scams.

Making Babies BBC1. 10.00mm

Professor Robert Winston, the infertility specialist, may be a leader in his field but he admits that all too often he is trading in disappointment. Yet for couples unable have children by conventional methods his unit at Hammersmith Hospital in London can offer the last best hope. Joanna Clinton Davies's series follows, in intimate detail, some of Winston's patients through the IVF programme. They know that most treatments fail the first time. The early spotlight is on Tania, who has had four unsuccessful pregnancies, and her partner, a fireman. As her treatment proceeds, their relationship becomes increasingly strained. She finds it easier to confide in a woman friend, he in a mate at the fire station. She nobody, least of all Professor Winston, pretended it would be easy. Peter Waymark

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9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6132704)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (2745297)

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5.10 A Country Practice (s) (6527146) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (552181) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (785425)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (593891) 7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (s) (5839)



JIII Bridge of Blackpool (7.30pm)

7.30 3-D. Julia Somerville Investigates the Football Association's treatment of

8.00 The Bill. A blunder by Kearle has Monroe on the warpath (Teletext) (7487) 8.30 Oddbails. Earnonn Holmes presents clips of sporting gaffes, with the help of American footballer William Perry, 'The Fridge", who now plays for the London

9.00 Teggart: Angel Eyes. (3/3) Jardine and desperate in their search for the serial diller of gay men. It could be that their junior colleague, Fraser, is at risk (Teletext) (s) (2075)

10.00 News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (61177) 10.30 Regional News (392891)

10.40 Getaways. Linda Ward goes on an activities holiday near Redruth, Anne Gregg boards Le Shuttle and drives to the historic city of Bruges In Belgium and Adrian Mills learns about computers on the Isle of Wight, Plus; this week's postcard comes from Barcelona (Teletext) (202758) 11.10 On the Line. Live discussion on one of

the week's big stories (759162) 11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (150452) 12.40am Camai Knowledge (4658292)

1.40 Not Fade Away (s) (4742582) 2.40 Shift (3921766) 3.35 Late & Loud (r) (s) (9248563)

4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (20747) 5.00 Garden Calendar (98650)

#### HTV WALES As HTV WEST except: 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (7318365)

6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (593891) 7.30-8.00 Wales This Week (391) 10.40 Strangely Scientific (202758) 11.10-11.40 3-D (759162)

#### WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except:

12.25-12.30 My Story (6160452) 12.55 Emmerdale (3096013)

1.25-1.55 Chain Letters (79429549) 1.55 Home and Away (68529704) 2.25 Vanessa (54935907)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (2361164) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6527146) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (38520)

10.40 Special Report. Daniel Boeticher reports on people who have chosen to live below ground (202758) 11.10-11.40 Tales from the Crypt: Death of Some Salesman (759162)

#### CENTRAL

As HTV West except 12.55 Home and Away (3096013) 1.25 Chain Letters. Word game presented by Vince Henderson (79429549)

1.55 A Country Practice (44817433) 2.20 Vanessa (54936836)

2.50-3.20 High Road (4353029) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (6527146) 6.25 Central News and Weather (810574) 6,55-7.00 Life Line (870610)

10.40 Crime Stalker (300100) 11.40 Max Monroe: Loose Cannon (150452) 3.35am Customs Classified (2285414) 4.20 Jobfinder (5387292) 5.20 Asian Eye (1415582)

#### MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 12.55pm Chain Letters (3096013)

1.55 Shortland Street (44817433) 2.20 Vanessa (54936636) 2.50-3.20 Surprise Chafs (4353029) 5.10 Home and Away (6527146)

5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - Crime (744636)6.00 Meridian Tonight (655) 6.30-7.00 Gress Floots (907) 10.40 Film: Class Action (68712094) 12.40em Phoenix (4658292)

5.00 Freescreen (98650)

arts: 6.35 Fifteen to One (8978346) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (30075) 9.00 Saved by the Bell: The New Class (7306520) 9.25 Gamesmaster (7316907) 9.55 California Dreams (6999094) 10.20 Mork and Mindy (6151839) 10.50 Dennis (4839013) 11.05 The Pink Panther (4623926) 11.30 Extreme (4570075) 12.25pm Deputy Dawg (6168094) 12.30 A Box Full of Stories (51471) 1.00 Slot Melthrin (33162) 1.30 Film: Sink the Bismarcki (31243182) 3.15 Ricki Lake (6046568) 4.00 Jimmy's (520) 4.30 The Lonely Pienet (704) 5.00 5 Pump Uned 5 (3617) 5.30 Fifteen to One (384) 6.00 Newyddion (465617) 6,15 Heno (241926) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (310013) 7.25 Ma Ifan Ma (1636) 9.00 I dot (8407) 10.00 Annie's Bar (61159) 10.30 Film: Honeymoon in Vegas

(15936907) 12.20am Dispatches (3967872)

#### CHANNEL 4

6.35am Fifteen to One (r) (Teletext) (s) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (30075)

9.00 Saved by the Bell: The New Class (r) (s) (7306520) 9.25 Gamesmaster with Dominik Diamond and Patrick Moore (r) (7316907)

9.55 California Dreams. American comedy drama about an aspiring pop group (r) (6999094)

10.20 Mork and Mindy starring Parn Dawbe and Robin Williams (r) (6151839) 10.50
Dennis (r) (4839013) 11.05 The Pink
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(Teletext) (s) (4570075) 12.25pm Deputy
Dawg (6168094) 12.30 Sesame Street. The guests are Bill Invin and Whoopi Goldberg (r) (42926)



lan Dury turns storyteller (1.30pm)

1.30 A Box Full of Stories. Ian Dury reads The Lucky Weaver, a tale from India. (Teletext) (s) (68542655) 1.55 Making Money A cornedy short from New Zealand (44824723)

2.15 FILM: The Night My Number Came Up

(1955, b/w) with Michael Redgrave. A thriller about a man whose territying creams about a llight to Japan begin to come true Directed by Leslie Norman (Teletext) (826100)

4.00 Jimmy's. Another visit to St James's Hospital, Leeds (r) (Teletext) (s) (520) 4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (704)

5.00 Ricki Lake. The guests are given a make-over for less than \$30 (Teleted) (s) (6858605)

5.45 Terrytoons (833568)

6.00 NBA 24/7. Basketball action (297) 6.30 Roseanne: Giri Talk (r) (Teletaxt) (s)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (478432) 7.50 The Slot (627075) 8.00 Africa Express (Teletext) (s) (5029) 8.30 Food File. Includes a profile of the

aspinng culinary star Allegra McKevity (Teletext) (s) (1636) 9.00 CHOICE Undercover Britain: Taken to the Cleaners (2346) 9.30 Annie's Bar. The last episode of the

Parliamentary drama serial (Teletext) (s) (48907)
10.00 NYPD Blue, New York police drama series (Teletext) (s) (148297)
10.55 Whose Line is it Anyway? Improvised cornedy. With Clive Anderson and Tony

Siattery (r) (Teletext) (s) (904100)

11.30 Get Up, Stand Up. Comedy from Malcolm Frederick, Chris Tummings and Angle Le Mar (r) (Teletext) (s) (22568)

12.00 Dispatches (r) (Teletext) (4368495)

12.50 FILM: Playing for Time (1980) with Vanessa Bendraws Television film about

Vanessa Redgrave. Television film about Nazis in the Auschwitz concentration (99821476), Ends at 3,25am



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UK GOLD



4,00pm The Greet Days of the Century (7128433) 5.00 Memones of 1987 (4567758) 6.00-7.00 Biography (1542655) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

9.00am Surprise Chafs (3229181) 9.30 Grow Your Own (1109636) 10.00 Two's Country (4176520) 10.30 Our House (325365) 11.00 Room for Improvement (7300433) 11.20 Cratiwise (7301162) 12.00

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> 6.00am Tiny and Crew (49394) 7.00 Sesame Street (20452) 8.00 Barney (65013) 6.30 Dinobables (84384) 9.00 Art Attack (7327159) 9.15 No Nakad Flames (7808907) 9-30 Ready or Not (12655) 10.00 Heartbreak High (55346) 10.30 Hang Time (64520) 11.00 Madison (81100) 11.30

NICKELODEON **6.00em Benana Sandwich (73988) 7.00** Killer Tomatoes (38655) **7.30** Pet Shop (17162) **8.00** Wishbone (29487) **8.30** Rude (17162) 8.00 Wishbone (2987) 8.30 Rude Dog (28758) 9.00 Biker Mice (39810) 9.30 Clarissa (56029) 10.00 Rugrats (60530) 10.30 Aashhil (35094) 11.00 Rocko (45384) 11.30-Doug (46013) 12.00 Saster Slater (26346) 12.30pm Pate 8 Pete (54817) 1.00 Capatol Criters (37926) 1.30 Pet Shop (53988) 2.00 Wishbone (8839)

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12.00 FILM: Hobson's Choice (4185810) 2.00pm Department S (4173075) 3.00 Danger Man (7309704) 4.00 FILM Sweet Lenger Man (13/37/04) - JUN FLUM 'SWeet Hostage (666/926) 6.00 The Green Homei (651065) 6.30 Department S (9303029) 7.30 Sapphire and Steel (650/881) 8.00 Penet of the Apes (401243) 8.00 Twin Peaks (48138100) 10.45-12.00 FILM Invasion of the Saucer Men (39722075)

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7.00pm Diffrent Strokes (3655) 7.30 Entertainment (8655) 8.00 Berson (9075) 8.30 Family Ties (1810) 9.00 Soap (25520) 8.30 Taxiniy Res (67161) 8.00 Soop (ease); 9.30 Taxi (67161) 10.00 Entertainment (27075) 10.30 Dr katz (36723) 11.00 Ren & Simpy (37365) 11.30 Rocky and Bullwinkle (86704) 12.00 Dominion Tank (77018) 12.30sm Benson (53940) 1.00 Wings (19765) 1.30 Lavetna & Shirley (25634) 2.00 Entertainment (93277) 2.30 Dr Kart 2.00 Entertainment (93327) 2.30 Dr Katz (72834) 3.00 Ren & Sumpy (99921) 3.304.15 Rocky and Bullwinkle (8406143) UK LIVING

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(6325655) 8.05 Street Lagal (9746471) 9.00 Ft.M: Easy Prey (3236991) 11.00-12.00 Sex Files (4417549) FAMILY CHANNEL

6.00pm Boogles Diner (8807) 5.30 Night Hood (5520) 6.00 Betman (2433) 6.30 Catchiphrese (8013) 7.00 Trivial Pursus (3471) 7.30 Me and the Boya (2297) 8.00 The Beiderbecke Aldar (19471) 9.00 The Ruth Rendell Mystenes (32087) 10.00 Treasure Hurt (42574) 11.00 Sirens (95029) 12.00 Trivial Pursurt (13834) 12.30am Me and the Boys (75376) 1.00 Betman (40679) 1.30 GP (70308) 2.00 Black Stalkon (39143) 2.30 Sirens (91230) 3.30 GP (32230) 4.00 Trivial Pursuit (20495) 4.30-6.00 Night

7.30mm REM Rockumentary (84345) 8.00 Mb (415989) 11.00 Star Trax (26574) 12.00 Greatest Hits (39556) 1.00pm Music Nor-Stop (86297) 3.00 Select MTV (62075) 4.00 Hanging Out (7836) 8.00 Dai MTV (4891) 6.30 The Big Picture (8471) 7.00 Star Trax (92051) 8.00 Take That the Hits (91029) 9.00 X-ray Eves (71723) 10,30 The All New Beavle & Butl-head (74907) 11,00 Headbangers Ball (63636) 1,00 Night Videos (1593785) 5,00 Mix (25037)

7.00am Power Breakfast (3435758) 9.00 Cale VI+1 (5259182) 12.00 Heert and Soul (1828029) 1.00pm Vinyl Years (1531549) 2.00 Miles Ruthertord (2608821) 3.00 Into the Music (1961433) 6.00 Happy Hour (1544013) 7.00 VH-1 for You (9480345) 8.00 Rodew (9499094) 9.00 Tina Tumor (9582756) 10.00 Vmyl Years (9489617) 11.00 The Bridge (3718723) 1.00am The Specials (9041563) 2.00 Dawn Patrol CMT EUROPE

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Continuous cartoons from 5em to 7pm, then TNT films as below then TNT films as below.

7.00pm Where Ware You When the
Lights Went Out (1968) (10507471) 3.00
The Mattese Falcon (1941) (8528907)
11.00 Whose Life is it Anyway? (1981)
(3630585) 1.00em Private Potter (1963)
(90726785) 2.40-5.00 Where Were You
When the Lights Ward Out (1968)

CNN/QVC

CNN provides 24-hour news and GVC is the home shopping channel.

7.00pm The Meeting 8.00 Ana 8.30 Richard III with Laurence Olivier 11.30 Aria 12.00-1.00mm Art Farmer

Newsroom 4.00 Headlines 4.05 Great

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THURSDAY APRIL 4 1996

Gooch joins list of candidates

# Selector's job wrong one for Botham

By Alan Lee. Cricket correspondent

played the role of the people's hero. There were times, in his pomp, when nobody did it better. But to believe, as some influential voices have now advertised they do, that his resurrect the fortunes of the England cricket team is to both misinterpret the character of the man and to underestimate the nature of the job. Botham will officially be

confirmed today as a contender for one of two vacancies on the selection panel chaired by Raymond Illingworth. At least them Graham Gooch, at the behest of Essex, his county have been proposed and the Test and County Cricket Board expected more before the deadline at midnight last

A postal ballot, conducted among the 18 first-class counties, will decide the issue and an announcement is planned for the end of next week.

It will be the most competitive contest for selection vacancies in years, reflecting the turbulent times in the English game and the growing rebellion against established practices. Yesterday, however, one name was dominating the debate, testimony to the enduring perception that a man who could beat the Australians single-handed must be capable of planning so that others may beat them again. It does not work that way.

Botham was a staggeringly fine cricketer, the most exciting I have seen, but his game was based entirely on instinct, self-belief and God-given taient. It owed little to preparation and planning and, as was evidenced by his thwarted flirtations with captaincy. nothing to an empathy with the needs of others. Botham believed that everyone should play the game his way and, of course, very few could begin to do so. So, watching others

play cricket bored him. None of this is much of a recommendation for a role, under Illingworth, that would

involve Botham in spending five or six days a week watching county cricket and a good deal of additional hours devoted to the "homework" of preparing reports on individual players. He would, by nt, do all this unsalaried and, in addition, could not expect to continue the newspaper and television work in which he is expected to critically analyse all aspects of the England team.

Perhaps he has not thought it through just yet. Certainly, that was the impression given by his simplistic assessment of the job as "a case of four or five guys sitting around a table the week before a game and throwing a lew ideas around".

job for him.

Oddly, although he has publicly and consistently ridiculed Illingworth, personality clashes should not be the major disincentive. The climate is such that a cosy panel - the type, involving his contemporaries, Fred Titmus and Brian Bolus, that Illingworth would prefer - is

Yesterday, however, Botham and his backers were making

Botham revealed that his

tax-exile in Alderney is about

to end, thus lifting any restric

tion on the amount of days he

can spend in England. He also said of his nomination: "!

have never been more serious about anything in my life. I

doubt if anyone cares more

passionately about England

I could not dispute that. Indeed, I have felt for some

while that Botham should

have some specific role with the England team, perhaps helping regularly with the mental approach of the

He would be in his element there, and the "drive and

enthusiasm" championed by

his proposer, the Derbyshire chairman, Mike Horton,

would be properly channelled.

convinced that to talk of him

as a Messianic figure in

shallow and nonsensical

There may, superficially, seem

something heroic about him

joining what he has variously

called "the Sanatogen set" and
"the gin-soaked old dodderers", in search of a better
future for England. But all
logic cries that it is the wrong

But I have also become

brave noises.

Illingworth may not feel that a current player is appropriate, yet there is much to be said for Derbyshire's second nomination, of their own former captain, Kim Barnett, and certainly for the inclusion of Gooch. This pair, knowledgeable, modern men of cricket, would, with the new coach David Lloyd, make up a most progressive panel, one based on logic rather than legend.

#### England 'have the players to succeed'

GRAHAM GOOCH, the former England cricket captain. responded characteristically to his nomination by his county, Essex, to stand as a selector. "I would very much like to be involved," he said. "My heart and soul was with England when I played and was captain and, if I thought my views and my experience could help, then I wouldn't

mind being involved.
"I don't think we [England]
can say we have been playing
very well lately. We have
talented cricketers, but there is room for improvement. I don't put the blame on Ray-mond illingworth and Mike Atherton. I think the players, collectively, have to take responsibility.

"I don't think everything is

bad with English cricket. We have talent and we can beat people, although there is a lot of work to do."

Peter Edwards, the Essex secretary, said: "Our commit-tee has thought long and hard before putting Graham for-ward but we feel he has a lot to offer, having played 113 Tests, 34 of them as captain, and because he is someone so obviously close to the game." Ian Botham said he was "thrilled" to be asked "I would love to serve on the selection panel because the

big challenge now is to find a team and to make it turn England into a world power again," he said.
"I know some people have doubted my commitment, and thought I was pulling a few legs, but I doubt if anyone cares more passionately about England than me — that would be impossible."



Cambridge University get ready to sharpen up their preparation for the Boat Race on Saturday with a practice race against Goldie, their second-string crew, yesterday. Oxford opted for no more than a quiet paddle. Boat Race build-up, page 46

# lin handed new reason to leave Leeds

needs to be playing regularly for the sake of his internation-

Brolin has confirmed that

BY DAVID MADDOCK

THE argument in favour of Tomas Brolin leaving Leeds United, the club he joined in November for £4.5 million. has long appeared a strong one. Now it has become com-

Brolin was warned last night that his place in the Sweden side was in danger if himself from what has become an almost farcical situation at Elland Road. It is a message not to be taken lightly, as it was offered by Tommy Svensson, the Sweden manager.

Brolin performs a pivotal role for his country. With Leeds, however, he is as far away as ever from securing a first-team place, and relations

with Howard Wilkinson, the manager, seem to have ap-proached breaking point after an April Fool's Day prank, in which the player joked on Swedish television that he would return home, on loan with Norrköping, until the end of the season.

Now, that fantasy appears to have echoed reality, after Svensson confirmed that he has dropped Brolin from his next international squad, and would not pick him again until he had secured a move from Elland Road. "I think it would be good for Tomas to

leave Leeds, because they won't let him play," he said. "Because he is not playing, I won't be picking him for the next international game against Northern Ireland on April 24. I think he really

he will leave when a clause in his contract allows, at the end of the season. There is a small matter of the transfer fee,

owever, with Leeds intent on

al position.

recouping most of their initial outlay. With Brolin struggling for fitness, and given such limited opportunity, that will restrict the number of takers. Parma, his former club, are said to be interested, as are Bayern Munich and

Liverpool. Uwe Rösler, Manchester

**Under-fire** 

**Brittle gets** 

full support

of Bishop

City's German forward, has set himself on course for confrontation with Alan Ball, the manager. Rösler was alarmed to read reports that he would have been left out of the side to meet Bolton Wanderers last Saturday, had he not been injured on the eve of the game. The suggestion was that Ball had been unhappy with his performance in the

Rösler's response yesterday was to strongly assert his return to fitness — and his claim for a place in the starting line-up for the derby match against Manchester United on Saturday.

Rösler said: "I spoke with the manager, and he said he didn't say my place was under threat. What is the truth, I don't know, I don't under-

me, I think I will be playing co. Saturday. It is true that against West Ham I played a poor game, but before that I played well. My team-mates were happy with me and I am fit to play now."

Ball seems to think otherwise. He had hinted strongly that Rösler would be left out at Bolton, and Niail Quinn, enough to strengthen such a theory. Ball also has Mikhail Kavelashvilli, his new signing from Georgia, available to present an extra selection problem. Rösler has already ninted that he could leave if City are relegated, and being dropped for the most important game of the season is hardly likely to weaken that

# Bruno is not on Lewis's agenda

BY OUR SPORT! STAFF

A SECOND meeting with Frank Bruno — if he decides to fight on - would find no place on the agenda of Lennox Lewis, at least according to Lewis's promoter. Panos Eliades said yesterday: "It does not interest me. What interests me is Lewis-Mike Tyson and Lewis-Riddick Bowe. Lennox does not want Bruno. Bruno's a no-win situation — there would be no credit in Lewis fighting him

Look at the way Bruno's treated Lennox, and the way Lennox treated Bruno when he fought him in 1993. The WBC ruled Bruno should fight Lewis, but he turned his back on him. Why should Lewis give Bruno the chance to participate in another championship fight?

"We want to make sure we get Tyson, as the WBC belt is important. I don't think Bruno deserves another chance. That doesn't make sense, although financially it would obviously be a good fight over here." Lewis v Bruno for a second

time would, in any event, be a long way down the road and Lewis has the none-tooeasy task of getting his hands back on the World Boxing Council title belt first. Meanwhile, Eliades has received a letter from the WBC re-assuring Lewis of a fight for his former title in September.

Amos Saunders, a New Jersey judge, decreed last month that the WBC could not sanction another heavyweight title bout unless Lewis was involved. Lewis makes his next appearance on May 10 against Ray Mercer, a former World Boxing Organisation champion, in New York.

"I just want my title back," BILL BISHOP, the Rugby Lewis said. "It will make me

work harder for May 10 knowing the next light is mine. I believe the British Football Union president, yes-terday re-entered the increasingly bitter conflict between Twickenham and England's public are behind me 110 per top clubs by issuing a solid statement of support for Cliff 'Nothing's for sure and I never put my eggs in one hasket. I just want to keep Brittle, the under-fire executive committee chairman. busy, get my title back and show I'm the best heavyweight Brittle, who assumed the

post in January, has been negotiating with the leading clubs about the game's future, but there have been suggesout there." Paul Weir has vowed to regain his world light-flyweight crown. Weir faces Jake Matlala, from South Africa, at tions of a rift between him and those clubs.

However, Bishop last night backed Brittle, saying: "He has my full and unequivocal date from the committee to negotiate and that is what he and his delegation are doing.
It has been agreed that these negotiations should take place on a confidential basis and we regret that some have seen fit to involve the media."

Brian Baister, the chairman and treasurer of the National Clubs' Association (NCA), which represent clubs in the third and fourth divisions of the Courage Clubs Champ-ionship, said: "The NCA have no difficulty in working under the chairmanship of Cliff, and we will continue to lend him our honest and public sup-port. He has personally initi-ated a whole series of

conciliatory meetings aimed at finding a solution." Brittle and the RFU negotiating committee have held several meetings with English Professional Rugby Union Clubs, but have yet to solve problems that include whether or not there should be relegation from the first



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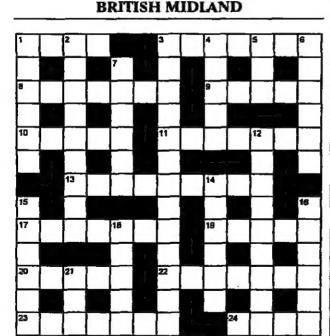
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DOWN

Calm (one) down (6)

3 Fanny Price novel (9.4)

7 Vegetable; incentive (6)

12 A knight; Maurice -.

French singer (9)

14 Plead earnestly (6)

16 Vicar's address (6)

15 Fat stomach (6)

18 Gangway (5)

5 Broken flax: pull (3)

4 Light wood for models (5)

6 Saudi Arabia (joint) capital

2 Foul play (5,4)

CROSSWORD

No 747 in association with

**ACROSS** 

1 Batsman's protection (4) 3 Mafia man (7)

8 Cloth screen (7) 9 Humble: modest (5)

10 Large entrance-area (5) 11 Drooping, limp (7) 13 Unscrupulously acquisitive

(2,3,4)17 Difficult, tricky (7) 19 Horse-race prize; special book illustration (5)

20 Sweet, spiced hot port (5) 22 Reversion to primitive type

23 Nag (husband) (7)

3 24 Bird; an architect (4)

21 Weapon for shooting (3)

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in Tuesday's puzzle the clue to 12 down should have read Gloucester's son

Lewis: determined

Everton Park Sports Centre in

Liverpool on Saturday, April 13. It is a mouthwatering re-match after Weir lost the title

in a controversial fight in

Glasgow last November. The

Scot was cut at the end of the

fifth round and the referee. Wiso Fernandez, ruled that he

could not light on, but the WBO upheld Weir's appeal

for a second contest as the

Puerto Rican referee admitted

he had made a mistake.